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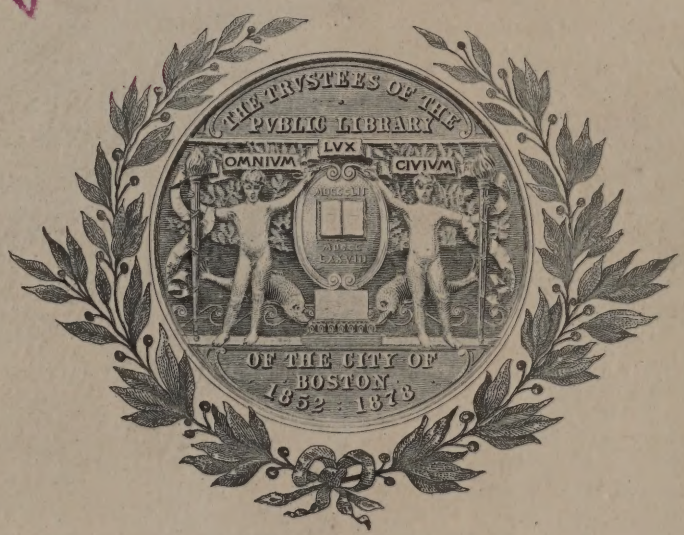

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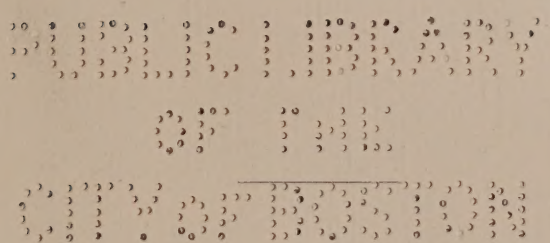

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SPECIAL CONVOCATION.

Celebration of Centennial.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was held in Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, October 24, A. D. 1899, A.·. I.·. 2429, at two o'clock, P. M., to celebrate with fitting ceremonials, the Centennial of the formation of this Grand Chapter, on the 13th of March, 1798, in this city.

The entrance of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Warren B. Ellis, and other officers was proclaimed by Excellent John H. Bowker, Grand Captain of the Host, and the Grand Chapter was duly organized.

ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1899.

WARREN B. ELLIS	M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest.	
CHARLES A. PEABODY, M.D.	R.·. E.·. Deputy Grand High Priest.	
EDWARD M. MEEKINS	R.·. E.·. Grand King.	
WM. E. LIVINGSTON	R.·. E.·. Grand Scribe.	
EUGENE A. HOLTON	R.·. E.·. Grand Treasurer.	
J. GILMAN WAITE	R.·. E.·. Grand Secretary.	
HENRY ENDICOTT, DANIEL W. LAWRENCE,	Trustees.	
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ALBERT E. BRADLEY	" " " "	3
EDWARD M. WOODWARD	" " " "	4

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EDWARD PARKER	"	"	"	"	7
AUBREY W. DUNTON	"	"	"	"	8
FREDERICK M. ESTY	"	"	"	"	9
GEORGE F. MILLER	"	"	"	"	10
FRANK E. WING	"	"	"	"	11
JOHN E. HAMER	"	"	"	"	12

CHARLES A. SKINNER . . E.·. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.
R. PERRY BUSH . . . . E.·. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN H. BOWKER . . . E.·. Grand Captain of the Host.
HARRY HUNT . . . . E.·. Grand Lecturer.
EDWARD J. SARTELLE . . E.·. Grand Lecturer.
EDWIN S. CRANDON . . . E.·. Grand Royal Arch Captain.
T. DEXTER JOHNSON . . . E.·. Grand Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES T. WITT . . . E.·. Grand Master Third Veil.
ALBERT E. TAYLOR . . . E.·. Grand Master Second Veil.
HENRY P. BROWN . . . E.·. Grand Master First Veil.
WILLIAM HAMILTON . . . E.·. Grand Steward.
WILLIAM P. FLINT . . . E.·. Grand Steward.
JOHN T. KIMBALL . . . E.·. Grand Tyler.

Committee on Finance. — R.·. E.·. ALBERT L. RICHARDSON; E.·. WILLIAM E. LIVINGSTON; R.·. E.·. CHARLES HARRIS.

Committee on Charity. — R.·. E.·. SAMUEL F. HUBBARD; E.·. SAMUEL CROWELL, M.D.; M.·. E.·. J. GILMAN WAITE.

Committee on By-Laws. — E.·. WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE; E.·. RICHARD A. ATWOOD; E.·. WILLIAM B. PHIPPS.

Committee on Returns. — R.·. E.·. HENRY S. BUNTON; E.·. JOHN A. ABRAHAM; E.·. ARTHUR W. STETSON.

Committee on Library and Archives, and on Foreign Correspondence. — M.·. E.·. J. GILMAN WAITE.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

ADONIRAM,
AMITY,
CAMBRIDGE,
CLINTON,
CONCORD,
CRESCENT,
DORCHESTER,
DORIC,
EUREKA,
EVENING STAR,
FALL RIVER,
FRANKLIN,
HARMONY,
HOLTEN,
ISLE OF THE SEA,
KING CYRUS,
KING HIRAM,
MENOTOMY,
MORNING STAR,
MT. HOLYOKE,
MT. HOREB,
MT. LEBANON,
MT. SINAI,
MT. VERNON,
MT. ZION,
MYSTIC,
NORFOLK,
NORTH STAR,
PARKER,
PENTALPHA,
PENTUCKET,
PILGRIM,
ST. ANDREW'S,
ST. ELMO,
ST. JOHN'S,
ST. MATTHEW'S,
ST. PAUL'S,
ST. STEPHEN'S,
SAMOSET,

SATUCKET,	THOMAS,	WASHINGTON,
SHEKINAH,	TRINITY,	WAVERLEY,
SIGNET,	UNION,	WILLIAM FERSON,
SOMERVILLE,	WALDEN,	WORCESTER.
SUTTON,	WALTHAM,	

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

SMITH B. HARRINGTON	M.·. E.·. Past Grand High Priest.
THOMAS WATERMAN	" " " "
ALBERT C. SMITH	" " " "
FREDERICK T. COMEE	" " " "
ARTHUR G. POLLARD	" " " "
J. ALBERT BLAKE	" " " "
J. GILMAN WAITE	" " " "
A. ST. JOHN CHAMBRÉ	R.·. E.·. Past Deputy Grand High Priest.
HENRY S. BUNTON	" " " " "
GEORGE WILBY	" " " " "
EUGENE A. HOLTON	" " " " "
JAMES DOWNS	" " " " "
HARRY HUNT	" " " " "
SAMUEL F. HUBBARD	" " " " "
ARTHUR T. WAY	" " " " "
CHARLES C. DAME	R.·. E.·. Past Grand King.
CHARLES HARRIS	" " " "
JOSEPH W. HILL	" " " "
GEORGE F. WALKER	" " " "
THOMAS KELLOUGH	" " " "
FORREST E. BARKER	" " " "
BAALIS SANFORD	R.·. E.·. Past Grand Scribe.
ALBERT L. RICHARDSON	" " " "
OTHELLO A. FAY	" " " "
SOLOMON A. BOLSTER	" " " "
ELEAZER H. BRAZER	" " " "
R. WALTER HILLIARD	" " " "
CHARLES C. HENRY	" " " "

GRAND CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

ARKANSAS,	MINNESOTA,	OREGON,
CALIFORNIA,	MISSISSIPPI,	RHODE ISLAND,
DELAWARE,	MISSOURI,	TEXAS,
ILLINOIS,	NEVADA,	VERMONT,
INDIANA,	NEW HAMPSHIRE,	VIRGINIA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,	NEW JERSEY	WASHINGTON,
LOUISIANA,	NORTH CAROLINA,	WEST VIRGINIA.
MAINE,	NOVA SCOTIA,	

RECEPTION OF INVITED GUESTS.

The invited guests were then escorted into the hall and announced by Companion John H. Bowker, Grand Captain of the Host, in the following order:

Companion BENJAMIN W. ROWELL, representing the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Companion SAMUEL G. LYMAN, Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Companion OLIVER A. ROBERTS, representing the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

Companion HENRY N. FISHER, Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Massachusetts Consistory, S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·.

Companion HARRY GALBRAITH, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

Companion CHARLES H. WEBSTER, Grand High Priest; JOHN A. LANG, Deputy Grand High Priest; JOSHUA W. HUNT, Grand Scribe, and ALBERT S. WAIT, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, and Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

Companion GEORGE C. WOOLSON, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

Companion ARTHUR H. ARMINGTON, Grand High Priest; HORACE S. RICHARDSON, Deputy Grand High Priest; FAYETTE B. BENNETT, Grand King; WILLIAM R. GREENE, Grand Secretary, and ALBERT L. ANTHONY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

Companion FREDERICK W. PLAISTED, Deputy Grand High Priest; ALBRO E. CHASE, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

Companion W. G. REID, Grand Z. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada.

Companion STEPHEN R. SIRCOM, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Each of these Companions was cordially welcomed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Companion Charles C. Hutchinson, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts, was introduced by R.·. E.·. Charles A. Peabody, Deputy Grand High Priest, who said, in presenting the Grand Master :

Most Excellent Grand High Priest: — It is surely fitting, on an occasion like this, that this Grand Chapter should recognize and honor the fostering mother of us all, who has ever extended over us and about us the ægis of her affection and care. I have the great honor of presenting the official Representative and head of the Primal Grand Lodge of Freemasons in this hemisphere of the world, M. W. Charles C. Hutchinson, Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts :

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then introduced the Grand Master to the Grand Chapter, saying :

Most Worshipful Brother and Companion: — It gives me great pleasure to introduce you as the Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts to this Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. The Lodge is the foundation of every branch of Masonry. Her success means our prosperity, and I give to you, as the representative and promoter of Craft Masonry, a most hearty and cordial welcome to this Grand Chapter.

GRAND MASTER HUTCHINSON :

Most Excellent Grand High Priest: — I thank you sincerely for your words of welcome, and assure you that it gives me satisfaction, and I esteem it a high honor and privilege, to stand in the East of this Grand Body on this occasion.

My heart and mind go back to a time when I held a minor office here, and my association with Companions of those days is a green memory with me. It is a great gratification to know that their devotion and zeal are still illustrated in this Grand Chapter. Indeed, it is a cause for congratulation that, in your administration of the affairs of this Grand Body, you have merged the ministrations of those who have been intimately associated and connected with it from its organization. You

have verified the tradition — and a splendid one it is to us — of the staid, unchangeable character of our institution. It is like a great and powerful ship at anchor, which, though stationary, turns its prow to breast the tide.

But you are not alone — we who are here are not alone — interested in this anniversary. There are Companions in various parts of our land whose minds and hearts turn to this Grand Chapter on this occasion with fond affection. We cannot begin to measure the memories awakened, the sentiments aroused, the thoughts inspired, by this anniversary. Most Excellent Sir and Companion, in view of the bestowments which have come to you from the past, of your present condition, and of the prospects which lie before you, I bring you cordial congratulations and greetings and best wishes for your prosperity.

Companions Charles C. Dame and Sereno D. Nickerson, Past Grand Masters of Masons of Massachusetts, accompanied the Grand Master at his entrance, and were cordially welcomed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

A Committee consisting of Companion Smith B. Harrington, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, and all other Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter, then introduced Companion Arthur G. Pollard, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. A. Companion Pollard was accompanied by Companions Josiah H. Drummond and George L. McCahan, Past General Grand High Priests of the General Grand Chapter. The Chairman of the Committee said :

Most Excellent Grand High Priest : — It has already been announced that we have with us a Representative of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States. I stand here, feeling a great deal of pride and pleasure in the fact that I have the privilege to present him to this Grand Body, over which he has presided as Grand High Priest, and in a way that has brought him very near to us all. He has also presided over other Grand Bodies in this Commonwealth. We are glad that he has the companionship and the brotherly love of every

Mason in our Grand Jurisdiction. I am happy that he can stand here to-day as one of our number, and I cannot but feel that in the near future he may stand in our presence as the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. The qualities which he possesses, so well known to us, have not escaped the attention of the General Grand Body, for they have discovered in him the traits of character, the manhood, the qualities of the heart and the head, that have endeared him to them as well as to us. I have the pleasure and the distinguished honor of presenting to you M. E. Companion Arthur G. Pollard, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest greeted Companion Pollard with these words:

M. E. Companion Pollard: — The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts has many times in the past been honored by the presence of the Representatives of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. There has never been any occasion when that honor was more fully appreciated than to-day, when the Representative of that body is one of our own members, and with us equally interested in everything affecting the welfare of our body. We give you a most cordial and hearty welcome, as we do the distinguished Companions who have accompanied you, and we take this opportunity of assuring you of the willing loyalty of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts to that body which you have the honor to represent. We give you welcome.

And M.·. E.·. Companion Pollard responded with

Most Excellent High Priest: — I thank you for this cordial and fraternal greeting. I regret exceedingly the absence of our Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, but in his behalf I beg to hereby tender to you and to the Grand Chapter under your jurisdiction expressions of congratulation and high regard. I thank you for these courtesies, and I ask your acceptance of expressions of good wishes from the General Grand Chapter, together with sincere assurances of congratulations upon this anniversary occasion.

The Grand Chaplain, E.·. and Rev. Charles A. Skinner, then offered the following invocation:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we lift our prayer in gratitude to Thee for the occasion which brings us together. We thank Thee for the beauty of the day. We thank Thee for this anniversary occasion. We thank Thee for the Companions who have gathered from our own Jurisdiction, and for those who have come to us from across our border. And we thank Thee, O God, for the memories that are awakened, for the associations of the years which we can remember, and for the associations of those which have gone; for those Companions who have left these earthly scenes, but whose memories are still green and fresh, and who, by their lives, and what they did in their day, are brought to our remembrance at this time, and consecrate anew this occasion.

O God, we thank Thee for the spirit of our institution; that it knows no boundaries; that it reaches its hand across the borders of States, and over the oceans, and recognizes a Companion and Brother wherever he may dwell, in whatever land. We thank Thee for the broadness and universality of its spirit; that it brings men together, and looking into each other's faces, by the spirit of our institution, they recognize the relation that binds them together as Companions and Brethren. And so it is emphasized to-day by those who come to us from across our State lines, and across our national border.

We thank Thee, Father, for that spirit that brings them here, and for the heart-welcome that has been given, and for the response that has come out of their hearts to this glad welcome we give to them.

And, O God, on this day, this anniversary, there is brought to us the thought of the Providence that watches over us. Men may come and men may go, but Thou livest forever; Thou dost guide the nations; Thou dost guide the associations which are organized to spread the truth, and so may we remember that there is committed to our care something of that great truth that is interesting the hearts of the nations to-day, the truth of the brotherhood of the race. Oh, may we not only recognize this truth and seek it, but may we recognize it more, and emphasize it more, by living according to its spirit.

We thank Thee for the worthy names that have been associated with this Order and with this Chapter through the past century; for those who have lived and labored and gone to their rest. May all those who have been true in their place be gathered up in our thoughts and memories, and may they help us not only to-day, but as we go from this place, fronting another century; and let us pray that, as we take our places in whatever station we are called to fill, we may be faithful and true to our duties, and when we shall have fulfilled our mission here, may it be said of us by our Companions, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

So, with thanksgiving, to-day we lift our hearts to Thee, praying for Thy blessing and Thy peace to be with us now and evermore. Amen.

"So mote it be."

CHORUS, VENITE EXULTEMUS. "O come, let us sing unto the Lord!" *Companion Howard M. Dow.*

CHOIR.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then declared the Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts opened in Ample Form, and said:

Companions: — We have come here to-day for the purpose of celebrating an important event in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in this State. We have come here to rejoice that the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts has survived the vicissitudes of one hundred years; that, from a small beginning, with few promoters, it has grown into a great institution, whose beneficent influences are felt throughout our State.

It is an interesting trait of our character that, whenever we are happy, we must enjoy our pleasure with others if we would receive the highest degree of enjoyment. For this reason we have invited the Representatives of the Grand Chapters of this country and other distinguished and well-known Masons to come here and assist us in celebrating our birthday. Many of the Companions have accepted the invitation and have come. Many more have expressed their sympathy and their interest in our celebration, but have found themselves unable to be here. We extend a cordial welcome to all who have come, and we

thank you sincerely for your attendance and assistance in our celebration.

I shall now call upon one of the Past Grand High Priests of our Grand Chapter to open the exercises of the afternoon with an address of welcome. It gives me pleasure to present to you Comp. Thomas Waterman, M.·. E.·. Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

BY PAST MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST THOMAS WATERMAN.

Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts: — It has been the custom of the world from time immemorial, when a number of people were seated at table, that some one should crave a blessing and express thanks for the food which had been provided. It appears to me that my position at this time is somewhat similar, that I am placed here to say "grace before meat," as it were, or, in other words, to bid you welcome and to briefly address you, in some light and pleasing fashion, to serve as a preparation or introduction to the more solid "feast of reason and flow of soul" which is to follow.

Desire for expression is universal; indeed it is the origin of all literature and literary efforts. Upon an occasion like the present, it is your manifest wish that the feelings of the many should be expressed by a few of your number selected as your mouthpiece who may, more or less fitly, give voice to your wishes, describe the purpose of our assembling, and possibly deduce some substantial reasons for the long and honorable existence of our venerable organization.

Without fear of treading on forbidden ground, or encroaching upon the rich historical field of our Grand Chapter history, which will later be spread before you, I may state that we are met here in convocation to-day because on March 13, 1798, the officers of St. Andrew's Chapter, of Boston, and King Cyrus Chapter, of Newburyport, came together and organized by choosing a President and Scribe, and forthwith proceeded to elect the officers required by the Constitution. The installa-

tion took place on the following day, and the birth of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was accomplished.

Owing to circumstances over which we had no control, this observance of our centennial anniversary did not take place at the expiration of our one hundredth year of existence in March of last year. Being necessarily postponed, the present time and place were fittingly chosen for the celebration. The date is appropriate, for it was on the 24th of October, one hundred and two years ago, that the General Grand Chapter of the United States was born in the town of Boston, and first saw the light in that staunch old home of Freemasonry and nursery of rebellion against British oppression, the Green Dragon Tavern. Oh, that the ancient hostelry were still in existence, that we might stand in the famous "Long Room," let imagination run riot, and picture to ourselves the meetings of St. Andrew's Lodge, the Committee of Safety, the Sons of Liberty, and the Boston Tea Party, for in that vision would stand out boldly and proudly the manly forms of many a fearless Freemason and member of this Grand Chapter in the early days. It has also been opportune that we have waited until the present magnificent Temple was completed, in order that our celebration might be framed in so gorgeous a setting. Since the destruction by fire of our Masonic home in 1895 we have, as you know, wandered in a sort of wilderness and sojourned in a more or less unventilated tabernacle, but now, unless the vaunted science of the modern builder of fire-brick, stone and steel be at fault, "Most Excellent, we are secure."

The celebration of centennial anniversaries is an ancient and time-honored custom, and justly so, for it were impossible to conceive of any association of men or women which had vitality enough to reach and pass the century mark, which also did not have excellent reasons for its existence and could not boast of many good and beneficent deeds accomplished in its own circle, and perhaps making no inconsiderable impress on the great world outside of its own narrow precincts. The great novelist, often called "the wizard of the North," tells us that "years rush by us like the wind. We see not whence the eddy comes, nor whither it is tending, and we seem ourselves to witness their flight without a sense that we are changed; and yet, Time

is beguiling man of his strength as the winds rob the woods of their foliage." True this is of our mortal nature, but equally true it is that there are associations and societies formed by our ancestors with foundations so broad and deep that the older they grow the greater is their vigor and scope of usefulness, and perchance it is not too extravagant a thought to hope that our organization may be so bright and enduring that our posterity may say of this Grand Chapter, as the great Napoleon said to his army at the pyramids of Egypt, "Forty centuries look down upon you."

We have existed and flourished these one hundred years because man is gregarious and likes not to live apart. It is not a normal habit of human beings to be alone; the life of a hermit or a recluse is not one naturally or usually chosen, and so men came together and organized Lodges for the promotion of sociability and mutual protection. In the progress of civilization the Ritual was gradually evolved, not only because it formed an additional link to bind the members together in the bonds of friendship, and by its secrecy to make the union more secure and abiding, but also because there is an instinctive yearning in the human breast for form and ceremony, attractive vestments, imposing paraphernalia and theatrical effects. The rich treasures of the history of past ages are drawn upon for material to make the incidents of the Ritual interesting and instructive, meetings are held at regular intervals, sociability prevails, old friendships are renewed and more firmly cemented, and new acquaintanceships are formed. The Lodge grows, becomes large and somewhat unwieldy, some of the younger members depart and a new Lodge sprouts, buds, blossoms and bears fruit. Then more and many Lodges arise and their representatives meet together to form a Grand Lodge, to the end that by mutual consent there shall be uniformity of Ritual, sound legislation and adequate modes of discipline. Then the fertile brain of an enthusiastic brother discovers that the Masonic character is not complete, the traditions of the past are again explored and the Chapter Degrees are devised. How clever and interesting they are and how admirably they supplement the three Symbolic Degrees and throw needed light on the dark places and hidden mean-

ings of an earlier Masonic knowledge, you are all too well acquainted with to require allusion to this point at any greater length. Then Chapters increase in numbers and Grand Chapters appear in the natural sequence of events. For, as was well said in the circular letter of October 24, 1797, "it is an opinion generally received, and we think well authenticated, that no Grand Lodge of Master Masons can claim or exercise authority over any convention or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; nor can any Chapter, although of standing immemorial, exercise the authority of a Grand Chapter."

A steady stream of Master Masons has poured its strength into Royal Arch Masonry for a hundred years. Even the anti-Masonic excitement of seventy years ago checked but for a time our sturdy and vigorous growth. The genius of Freemasonry was stronger than the demon of anti-Masonry and the Order, winnowed of its chaff, forged ahead with renewed ardor. Purified as by fire, "the glory of the latter house was greater than the glory of the former." In these "piping times" of Masonic peace and tranquillity it is impossible for us to conceive of the bitterness and fierceness of feeling in those stormy anti-Masonic days. One writer speaks thus of it: "That fearful excitement which swept over our land like a moral pestilence; which confounded the innocent with the guilty; which entered even the Temple of God; which distracted and divided churches; which sundered the nearest ties of social life; which set father against son and son against the father; arrayed the wife against her own husband; and, in short, wherever its baleful influences were most felt, deprived men of all those comforts and enjoyments which render life to us a blessing." In some States the Grand Bodies suspended their meetings for years, but in every Jurisdiction were to be found some devoted brothers and Companions who fought the good fight, kept the faith, and preserved the Masonic fire alive upon their altars. The Freemasons of those perilous times were made of the same stern material as that of which the founders of the Order was composed. The following lines of a profound American philosopher, though speaking of the nation, aptly describe the character of our Masonic fathers:

"What builds a Nation's pillars high,
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?

Not gold, but only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men who for Truth and Honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly;
They build a Nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky."

Should trial and tribulation and insolence and temptation and peril ever assail us again as a Masonic institution, may we and our posterity be found as true and trusty as were our brothers of the earlier time.

At the present day we are numerically strong. Think of it, almost sixteen thousand Royal Arch Masons in Massachusetts, exclusive of those not affiliated, and in the United States nearly two hundred thousand owing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, the largest organization of Royal Arch Masons in existence and doubtless the largest Masonic body in the world. What a mighty power for good! The past is secure, and we believe that the record is in all respects commendable, but whether it be good or ill it cannot be altered.

"The moving finger writes; and having writ,
Moves on; nor all your piety nor wit
May aught avail to change a single line,
Nor all your tears blot out one word of it."

What of the future, how shall we accomplish perpetuity? The broad principles of Freemasonry will tell us that. We must be true to ourselves, loyal to our country, unselfish, and have an abiding love for our fellow-man. Patriotism, or love of country, should be second only to our reverence for the Deity, and no man is worthy to be a Royal Arch Mason who does not respect the country of his birth or adoption and thrill with genuine pleasure at the sight of the flag.

Of late we hear overmuch of the so-called "strenuous life," as if there was but one mode of existence to be comprehended

under that phrase; namely, the life of the soldier, the sailor, the frontiersman, the explorer, the athlete, etc. Are these then the only noble callings of mankind? Is there not the strenuous life of the statesman, the scholar, the divine, the inventor, the man of science and the philanthropist? Unselfishness and benevolence are convertible terms. He whose life was a model to lead the world in good works for over eighteen centuries was strong in absolute freedom from selfishness and strenuous in pure disinterested benevolence. This devotion to others or to humanity has been called altruism, and although we may not as men or as Masons attain unto it, yet, like a fixed star in the heavens, it may serve as an unerring guide in honest and faithful endeavor to lead the ideal life.

The standing and position of the Capitular Rite in Freemasonry is typified by the emblematic symbol of the Mark Degree, the Keystone. As the keystone at the apex of the arch binds together the two wings or arcs on either side, so the Symbolic Degrees of the Lodge and the Chivalric Degrees of the Temple are indissolubly locked together into the firm and enduring structure of the York Rite by the keystone of the Chapter. Thus do the Capitular Degrees represent *strength*, for, as Ben Jonson says:

> "'Tis the keystone
> That makes the arch, the rest that there were put
> Are nothing till that comes to bind and shut."

As this stone is more important to the stability of the structure than any other, so is the word emblematically used in literature to describe the chief element in a system or that upon which the remainder rests or depends. Then again, in Roman and Renaissance arches the keystone is usually sculptured as a decorative feature and is the most ornamental member of the system. Thus do the Capitular Degrees represent *beauty*, and no one can be quite so thoroughly impressed with their charm as those of us who have had the privilege of presiding as High Priests of Subordinate Chapters.

The singer is only a name, but his song is immortal. We shall never know the author of the Holy Royal Arch, but his delightful work will never die.

Never let it be said without reproof that the Chapter Degrees

are merely a stepping-stone to the Commandery, as if they were a necessary evil to be endured by the flighty brother who is rushing with headlong speed through Freemasonry, urged on by indiscreet friends. And when he has emerged from the hasty incubation as a Knight Templar, with his brain fairly reeling from a jumble of strange words and still more chaotic signs, what does he know of the beauties of the Royal Arch? Little more than does the profane one who is still waiting at the outer portals.

Let us not forget that as early as August, 1769, St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge was conferring the Degree of Knight Templar, and continued to do so for twenty-five years, and that thus the whole American system of the York Rite owes a debt of gratitude to Royal Arch Masonry, for it was the latter which brought the Templar Rite to this continent.

Welcome then to the bosom of an organization which has accomplished so much that is good, for the beneficent works and brave deeds of the past perfume our moral atmosphere to-day, as the air of the Mosque of Omar is said to be impregnated with the musk that was mixed with the plaster a thousand years ago.

The time of year is sombre and the skies are gray, it is true,

> "For the summer fields are mown,
> And the birds are fledged and flown,
> And the dry leaves strew the path,"

but it is also the season of ripened fruit and garnered grain and "barns bursting with plenty," and so is suggestive of achievement, completion, fruition.

We renew our solemn pledges of loyalty to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and cordially welcome you, Most Excellent General Grand King, who represent its honored head on this occasion. We heartily welcome you, gentlemen, Most Excellent Grand High Priests of sister Grand Chapters, and we have a warm welcome left for you, Companions of the rank and file, for you are the bone and sinew of our material framework, "the men behind the guns," without whom we should be empty nothingness and lack "a local habitation and a name."

Welcome, thrice welcome, all, whether you come from the east, from the west, from the south, or from the north. Welcome to the old Bay State, welcome to the modern Athens, the Hub of the Universe, welcome to this formal celebration of our one hundredth year of vigorous and healthful existence as a Grand Royal Arch Chapter!

ARIA. From the Crusaders, "With Holy Thoughts," *Gade.*
Companion T. L. CUSHMAN.

ADDRESS OF COMPANION WARREN B. ELLIS,

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Companions, Visiting Companions and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts: — The last quarter of the last century was rich in incidents affecting the welfare of our country in almost every direction; among those which had a bearing on the moral and social development of our own State were two small gatherings in the old Green Dragon Tavern, in Boston, one of which occurred October 24, 1797, and was the beginning of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; the other, March 13, 1798, at which the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was established. This last event we have assembled to commemorate.

The beginning of this body was exceedingly modest; its founders were few in number, without the advantage of experience and with little conception of the possibilities of their undertaking. But, however feeble their beginning, their action was inspired by a noble purpose, for they sought to enlarge the usefulness of Freemasonry and to extend the practice of those principles which uplift and improve society. Experience has confirmed the wisdom of our founders, for the feeble body of one hundred years ago has grown into a great organization of more than fifteen thousand Royal Arch Masons which exerts an influence that is respected wherever the Capitular Rite is known or practised. We have therefore good cause to rejoice as we trace the growth of our Grand Chapter and mark the success that has crowned its career. We cannot reflect upon

the position which it now occupies without feeling a deeper love for her good name and a stronger purpose to support those principles that have made her success; nor do we forget at this time to acknowledge our obligation to that overruling Providence which has attended us alike in adversity and prosperity, and to whom we must continue to look for wisdom to direct our future course.

The need of a governing body for the Capitular Rite was recognized long before the establishment of this Grand Chapter. This statement is confirmed by the history of St. Andrew's Chapter, for that body had not completed the first year of its career before it was obliged to look about for some authority by which its existence should be approved and confirmed. The circumstance which introduced this subject was an incident of the eventful period out of which grew our country's independence. The first Master and first Senior Warden of the Royal Arch Lodge were British soldiers and members of a company that was stationed in Boston for the purpose of protecting the royal interests. The presence of these foreign soldiers was a constant annoyance to the citizens and the cause of so much trouble that the acting governor was finally obliged to remove them from the town. The removal of the soldiers deprived the Lodge of its Master and Senior Warden and raised the question of its right of existence. It may seem strange to us that the loss of these officers should have presented such a question. The reason is found in the doctrine, which was even then a landmark of Freemasonry, that no Lodge could be legally organized without a warrant from some Grand Body, and while circumstances had induced the brethren to open a Royal Arch Lodge without such authority, they were in a measure justified in their doings, as there seemed no other way to accomplish their ends. At the same time their meetings were held under the direction of brethren who were officers of other lawfully constituted bodies, but with the removal of these officers all semblance of authority was lost. It is quite common for Masonic writers to speak of the Royal Arch Lodge of Boston and the Lodge of St. Andrew as one and the same; such was not the fact; if it were so there would have been no question of continuance. The Royal Arch Lodge depended upon the

Lodge of St. Andrew as the source of its membership; it also for a time made use of the Charter of that body, but was in every other sense a separate and independent body.

In the dilemma created by the loss of its officers the brethren of the Royal Arch Lodge turned for advice to Joseph Warren, who was then Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge and highest in "Ancient Masonry." By his advice their meetings were continued while he sought instruction from Scotland whether or not to grant them a Charter. As no Charter was received we may conclude that he was not successful in obtaining authority to do this work, or what is more probable, his time was so much occupied with public affairs that this business was neglected, for in July, 1771, "a committee was chosen to write home to England to Brother DeMott," and "Brother Warren warned of the vote." The Brother DeMott of this record was undoubtedly the famous Lawrence Dermott, who was then the leading spirit of the schismatic Grand Lodge of England and the most active promotor of the Royal Arch Degree. If any answer was received from Dermott it has not been preserved.

No meeting of the Royal Arch Lodge was held during the period of the Revolutionary War nor for several years afterwards. When its meetings were resumed the brethren were indebted to the Lodge of St. Andrew for their "politeness" in granting the use of their Charter, and its presence was supposed to make their meetings lawful. But a borrowed Charter was not satisfactory; the brethren were determined to find some authority which should establish their rights beyond question, and we notice in the record of April 5, 1797, that it was "their opinion that the only proper application for a warrant should be to the Grand Holy Royal Arch of England," and a committee was appointed "to draught and forward a petition accordingly." Before the committee had an opportunity to complete their work steps were taken that led to the establishment of a Grand Chapter. The only record that we now have of the beginning of this work is found in the records of St. Andrew's Chapter. The relations then existing between this Chapter and King Cyrus Chapter, of Newburyport, the only Royal Arch Bodies in this State, were very cordial, and each had the same

interest in forming a Grand Chapter. Associated with the Companions of these bodies were Thomas Smith Webb and John Hanmer, of Temple Chapter, of Albany, N. Y., who also took a deep interest in this movement. The subject of a Grand Chapter was discussed in each of the Chapters represented by these Companions and each appointed a committee to act in its behalf. The result was the meeting before mentioned at the Green Dragon Tavern, October 24, 1797.

This meeting, or convention, as it is termed in the records, was the beginning of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; its organization was completed in the city of Hartford, Conn., in January of the following year. The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was organized in accordance with the provisions of the General Grand Constitution, March 13, 1798. The event occurred in the old Green Dragon Tavern, and its promoters were among the principal leaders of the enterprise of the previous October.

Before entering on the history of our body it may be interesting to briefly consider the condition of the Capitular Rite as it was in 1798. Freemasonry was not a new thing in Massachusetts at that time; sixty-five years had passed since the first Lodge had been opened. During that period two Grand Lodges had been established and seventy-six Subordinate Lodges chartered, many of which, however, were located outside of the State. The first Royal Arch Lodge was organized in 1769 by members of the Lodge of St. Andrew, assisted by several British soldiers who were then stationed in Boston. Royal Arch Masonry did not grow rapidly at first, for, as has been mentioned, only two Chapters had been established when this Grand Chapter was instituted. Although this branch of Masonry grew slowly, its establishment is an evidence of a growing interest in Freemasonry, which appears to have been started by the union of the St. John's and the Massachusetts Grand Lodges, March 5, 1792. This was one of the most important events in the history of Freemasonry in our State, for by this act the jealousy and rivalry of two Grand Lodges occupying the same territory was eliminated and their interests united and harmonized in one body. The increased interest in Craft Masonry resulting from this union would naturally extend to

the higher Degrees and lead to the adoption of some plan by which their usefulness could be extended and perpetuated. No plan could accomplish this result as well as the organization of a Grand Body; in no other way could uniformity of work be assured or the dignity of the institution maintained. Both of the Chapters whose early members recognized this fact are existing to-day, and both are interesting to all who rejoice in the prosperity of our Rite as links connecting the period of its organization with the end of a century of successful achievement.

The history of St. Andrew's Chapter is well known; its records from its beginning as the Royal Arch Lodge of Boston until the present time have been preserved and afford valuable information regarding the Capitular Rite in our country. Its history is both unique and interesting, for it was the first *regular* Royal Arch Lodge established in this country. We say this without forgetting the body now known as Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, of Philadelphia. The latter body was not from its beginning a Royal Arch Lodge in the sense in which the term is now understood, for according to its own records it was accustomed to initiate apprentices and raise Master Masons,[1] while the knowledge of the Royal Arch was in the possession of only a portion of its members, by whom, with the approval of the rest of the brethren, it was conferred upon suitable candidates.[2] The Royal Arch Lodge of Boston was from its start entirely free from Lodge control and Lodge Ritual, and as such antedates all other Royal Arch Bodies in this country.

The Degrees first known in this body were the Excellent, Super-Excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templar. The Templar Degree was last mentioned November 5, 1774, but the Excellent and Super-Excellent Degrees were retained until the Grand Chapter was established. In addition to these Degrees, all those named in our present system were worked at various times prior to the organization of our Grand Chapter. The Mark Degree was authorized November 28, 1793, the Past Master's Degree was worked in 1796, and the Most Excellent Master's Degree in 1797. These last Degrees were regularly worked by Chapters in adjoining States before they were in

[1] One Hundredth and Twenty fifth Anniversary of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, p. 13.

[2] Ibid, p. 14.

St. Andrew's and this fact undoubtedly had weight in inducing the latter body to adopt them in the interest of uniformity even before the organization of our Grand Chapter, when they were established as the regular work.

We know but little of the beginning of King Cyrus Chapter, all of its records prior to March 10, 1800, having been lost; but from other sources we learn that this Chapter was holding a high position, both in the character of its members and the management of its affairs, for several years before the Grand Chapter was instituted. It is impossible to say where the brethren of Newburyport obtained their knowledge of the Royal Arch; it could not have been from St. Andrew's, for their Degrees, with the exception of the Royal Arch, were different from those of the Boston body. King Cyrus Chapter grew out of St. Peter's Lodge of the same town, and derived its authority from the "ancients." It consequently enjoyed the right of working the Royal Arch, and we are told that this right was improved and "the four steps were worked in Newburyport prior to (the organization of the Chapter in) 1790."[3] King Cyrus Chapter had considerable influence in shaping the policy of the Grand Chapter in its early days, and for many years the annual meetings were held alternately in Boston and Newburyport.

Outside of Massachusetts several Chapters were at work previous to this period. Among these was Providence Chapter, of Providence, R. I., which was chartered by Washington Chapter, of New York, September 3, 1793. Its Degrees were the same in name and probably in substance as those of the present day. This Chapter assisted in establishing the General Grand Chapter of the United States; it also organized the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, March 12, 1798.

In Connecticut Royal Arch Masonry was popular at an early date. Six Chapters were in existence before our Grand Chapter was instituted, one of their number having been established in 1783. In this State there had also been an attempt as early as 1796 to unite the several Chapters for mutual benefit, and several conventions, representing a majority of the Chapters, were held "to take into consideration any measures relative to

[3] Sketch of Newburyport Commandery, K. T., by Oliver A. Roberts, p. 15.

said Chapters which may be deemed of expediency or utility."[4] These conventions would probably have been continued and would have developed into an independent Grand Chapter if their work had not been assumed by the General Grand Chapter, whose organization was completed in their State with the assistance of their Companions, one of whom, Ephraim Kirby, was elected first General Grand High Priest.

We do not know much about the origin of Royal Arch Masonry in New York, although we had been hoping that a great deal of information on this subject would have been disclosed at the Centennial of the Grand Chapter of that State, which has been recently observed. Unfortunately its history has been so obscured by the loss of the early records of some of the bodies which laid the foundations of Royal Arch Masonry in that State that we have but little hope of gaining much more information on this subject. From the facts in our possession we may conclude that its origin was not much later than the date of the organization of the Provincial Grand Lodge of that State in 1782. It was probably first established in Chapters working under the authority of Lodge Charters. One of the early Chapters, which, like Melchisedec, appears to have had "neither beginning of days nor end of life," was accustomed to exercise the powers of a Grand Chapter and issued Charters to Chapters in Rhode Island and Connecticut. This Chapter is now usually spoken of as the "Mother Washington Chapter" of New York. Nothing is found in its Charters to indicate what Degrees it authorized; it is probable, however, that the Chapters acting under its authority conferred substantially the Degrees that are practised at the present day.

The Grand Chapter of New York was organized March 14, 1798, one day later than our own. Five Chapters participated in this enterprise. Of that number we only know when two were instituted, Hudson, of Hudson, in 1796, and Temple, of Albany, in 1797. Thomas Smith Webb, whose name has always been associated with the history of the Capitular Rite in this country, was first High Priest of the last. His experience as an officer in that body no doubt awakened his interest in the

[4] Records of Capitular Masonry in Connecticut, by Joseph K. Wheeler, p. 27.

Degrees of this Rite and inspired his activity in perfecting and extending their practice.

The regular working of the Royal Arch Degree by an organized Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia antedates any other in this country. Royal Arch Lodges in Pennsylvania were opened under the authority of Lodge Charters, as was undoubtedly right wherever Freemasonry derived its authority from the "ancients." But the practice of subordinating Royal Arch Masonry to the Lodge is illustrated in that State to a greater degree than is seen elsewhere, for its Grand Chapter, which was established in 1795, was opened under the authority of the Grand Lodge, or, in the words of one of her own members, "it was simply an adjunct or agent of the Grand Lodge."[5] It did not even possess the right to exalt "any brother to the Degree of Royal Arch."[6] It was not until May 17, 1824, that the Companions of that State organized an independent Grand Chapter free from responsibility to the Grand Lodge. Its system of Degrees has always been somewhat different from others, inasmuch as it has no authority over the Past Master's Degree, nor has it ever come into union with the General Grand Chapter of the United States. It has, however, maintained an honorable position among the promoters of the Capitular Rite, and enjoys the cordial respect of its sister Grand Chapters.

The Royal Arch was cultivated at an early date in Maryland, just how early has not been fully determined. Companion E. T. Schultz in his valuable history of Freemasonry in that State says there was a Chapter at Fell's Point in 1787. More recently he has attempted to push the advent of the Royal Arch in his State further back into the past. His authority is a "well-founded tradition"[7] of the existence of a Lodge in Georgetown, then a part of Maryland. He says "there is good reason to believe that there was a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons attached to this Lodge."[8] He gives no date of the founding of the Lodge, but says it "was certainly existing in 1773."[9]

It is also claimed by the same authority that a Grand Chap-

[5] Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, 1895, p. 220.
[6] Ibid, pp. 186 and 216.
[7] Grand Chapter of Maryland Centenary, 1897, p. 19.
[8] Ibid, p. 20.
[9] Ibid, p. 20.

ter was formed in Maryland, June 24, 1797, being "the first independent Grand Chapter of the United States." This Grand Chapter celebrated its Centennial on the one hundredth anniversary of that date.

Its claim of being the first independent Grand Chapter of the United States was disputed by M. E. Comp. Chapman, and a somewhat careful consideration of the facts impels us to agree with him so far as to say that the claim of Companion Schultz does not appear to be established beyond doubt. But whatever the date of the birth of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, we most cordially congratulate the members of that body on its great usefulness and vigorous maturity.

There is good reason for believing that a knowledge of the Royal Arch followed very closely the introduction of Freemasonry in all the States. We have the evidence of an ancient diploma in the archives of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, that the Royal Arch was worked in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 40, at Charleston, as early as 1783.[10] In Virginia there was a Royal Arch Lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, April 5, 1775.[11] The Degree was in existence in North Carolina in 1788;[12] it was also conferred in Royal Arch Encampments in Washington, D. C., from 1795 to 1798.[13] The oldest record of the Degree is found in Fredericksburg Lodge, Va., where it was conferred, December 22, 1753, by a visiting brother on three members of that Lodge. A knowledge of the Royal Arch was spread by the Army Lodges. In this way it was planted in Marietta, Ohio, in 1792, by members of American Union Lodge, an Army Lodge that was organized in Roxbury, of this State.[14]

The more we investigate this subject the more we are inclined to believe that the manner in which the Degree was conferred in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Va., was not unusual, and that many worthy Masons were in the early days entrusted with the secrets of the Royal Arch with perhaps less formality than in the case mentioned.

[10] History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders, p. 704.
[11] History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders, p. 634.
[12] Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, 1898, p. 74.
[13] History of Freemasonry in Maryland, by Edward T. Schultz, p. 314.
[14] History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders, p. 626.

The facts that have been quoted show that there were many avenues by which Royal Arch Masonry found its way into our country. We have seen that it was established in Boston with the assistance of British soldiers ; yet they were not the first to bring it to Massachusetts, for it was already in the possession of a limited number before their arrival. We cannot tell how often it was carried from one section of our country to another in the same way, there being no obstacle to such action at that time, but however the knowledge came, it was like seed on good ground which has brought forth abundant harvest.

At the first meeting of our Grand Chapter, which was held in the old Green Dragon Tavern, in Boston, on the 13th of March, 1798, the number that was present stands in strong contrast with those assembled to-day. The record gives the names of five who participated in the business of the occasion : Benjamin Hurd, Jr., James Harrison and Henry Fowle, of St. Andrew's, and Jonathan Gage and Gilman White, of King Cyrus Chapter. It is probable that William Woart, of St. Andrew's, and Joshua Greenleaf and Thomas W. Hooper, of King Cyrus Chapter, were also present and took part in the business of the meeting.

Benjamin Hurd, Jr., was the leading spirit of the enterprise. This Companion was born at Charlestown, Mass., February 1, 1750. His father was a leather dresser and it is said that he at some time followed the same calling ; it is, however, certain that he was a merchant and acquired considerable property. He was married twice and the father of a large family. He was a member of the Lodge of St. Andrew in 1778 ; he held several offices in that body and was its Worshipful Master in 1795. He became a member of St. Andrew's Chapter in 1789, having been exalted March 20th of that year ; he was almost at once chosen Secretary. He was Scribe in 1790, and High Priest in 1791. The latter office he held seven years. He was elected General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, January 9, 1806, and held the office for a period of ten years. He was also active in Templar Masonry and assisted in its preservation during its transition from the patronage of the Chapter through the Knights of the Red Cross until the establishment of Boston Encampment.

Companion Hurd was highly esteemed by those who knew him and was spoken of as "a man of great respectability and moral worth." His most important work was in the Capitular Rite, and the members of this body have good cause to cherish his memory for what he did in laying the foundation of this Grand Chapter. Companion Hurd presided at the meeting at which the Grand Chapter was organized and was elected first Grand High Priest. He served in the office until September 15, 1801, a period of three and one-half years. During his term of office a Constitution and "rules of order" were adopted, also a "form of warrant"; the September meeting was selected as the annual meeting, and the title of the body changed from Deputy Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which was its original designation, to that of Grand Royal Arch Chapter. No Chapter was chartered while he was in office, but under his direction the body acquired an experience that prepared it for the larger responsibilities that came with its later growth. Companion Hurd died in his native town, May 5, 1821.

Ten Grand High Priests presided over our Grand Chapter during the first twenty-five years of its existence; their names following Companion Hurd are: Dudley Atkins Tyng, Timothy Bigelow, Isaiah Thomas, Oliver Prescott, James Dean Hopkins, John Abbott, Andrew Sigourney, James Prescott and Jonathan Gage. As we look over the record of these Companions we are impressed with the high qualities of the men who made the early history of our Grand Chapter; they were not only leaders in this undertaking, but occupied the most prominent places in other branches of Masonic work, as well as positions of trust and usefulness in the community where they resided. We shall in this paper give only a brief sketch of their lives.

Dudley Atkins Tyng was born at Newburyport, Mass., in 1760, and died August 1, 1829. He was born Dudley Atkins, but at some time in the first part of 1790 his name was changed to Dudley Atkins Tyng. He was highly esteemed as a citizen and occupied many positions of honor and trust. By profession he was a lawyer. He was a representative to the General Court, also president of the Newburyport Bank. He was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, of Newburyport, and was an officer of that body; later we find him a member of St. Peter's Lodge,

of the same town. He was a member of King Cyrus Chapter and probably its High Priest, although we have no facts on this point. He took an active interest in this Grand Chapter and was Grand High Priest from September, 1801, until September, 1803.

Timothy Bigelow was Grand High Priest from September, 1803, until September, 1806. He was born at Worcester, Mass., April 30, 1767. He was a graduate of Harvard College, and a lawyer by profession. He was Worshipful Master of St. Paul's Lodge, of Groton, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1806–08 and 1811–13. We do not know when or where he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. At that time there were only two Chapters in the State and his name does not appear in the records of either. There was a Chapter in Groton, but as its Charter was granted on the day when Companion Bigelow was elected Grand High Priest, its history cannot throw any light on this subject. Companion Bigelow died at Medford, Mass., May 13, 1821.

Among those who have presided over this Grand Chapter none have been more noted for patriotic devotion to the interests of their country than Isaiah Thomas, who was Grand High Priest from September, 1806, until September, 1809. This Companion was born in Boston, January 19, 1749. His early life was surrounded with a series of discouragements, but by patient and persistent effort he overcame every obstacle and won success in all his undertakings. He was best known to the world as a newspaper editor, and his bold utterances in behalf of the interests of the colonies won for him the warmest regard of the patriots and the strongest hatred of the royalists. Successful in his various business enterprises, he acquired a fortune by which it is said he was enabled to live "in courtly style, and with beneficent liberality." His liberality was not restricted to his own household, and he made use of his wealth in relieving the wants of the distressed and in improving the town in which he lived.

Our information regarding the Masonic career of this Companion is not very complete. He was Worshipful Master of Morning Star Lodge, of Worcester, also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1803–05 and in 1809. Like

his predecessor, we do not know when or where he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. He died at Worcester, April 4, 1831.

Oliver Prescott was born at Groton, Mass., April 4, 1762. He graduated at Harvard College and then studied medicine, becoming a successful physician in his native town. He took an active interest in public affairs and filled several important offices; he was also prominent in literary and charitable work. His death occurred at Newburyport, Mass., September 26, 1827. Companion Prescott was a Charter member and Worshipful Master of St. Paul's Lodge and High Priest of St. John's Royal Arch Chapter,[15] both of Groton. He was Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter from September, 1809, until September, 1810.

James Dean Hopkins was born at Axminster, England, and came with his father to this country when quite young. His home was in Portland, Maine, where he studied law and was admitted to the Cumberland bar. It is not known where he was initiated into Freemasonry. He was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft in Portland Lodge and was Worshipful Master of the same in 1805 and 1806. He was a Charter member and the first High Priest of Mt. Vernon Chapter, of Portland, serving in the latter office from 1805 until 1809, inclusive, also again in 1815 and 1816. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1809–1813 and presiding officer of King Darius Council of Knights Templars from 1808 until 1816. Companion Hopkins was Grand High Priest from September, 1810, until September, 1813. His death occurred June 17, 1840, at the age of sixty-eight.

John Abbott was born at Westford, Mass., January 27, 1777. He graduated at Harvard College in 1798. Immediately after his graduation he became preceptor of Westford Academy, and held the position two years. He then studied law and opened an office for practice in his native town. He took an active interest in public affairs and represented his town at different times in both branches of the State Legislature. He was trustee and treasurer of Westford Academy, holding the latter

[15] St. John's Chapter was the first Chapter chartered by our Grand Chapter. Its Charter was granted September 20, 1803. Its officers were installed by the Grand Chapter, October 18, 1804. Its last years were not prosperous and its Charter was revoked, October 12, 1842.

office from 1805 until his death, which occurred April 29, 1854. Companion Abbott was initiated in St. Paul's Lodge, at Groton. He was elected Worshipful Master of that body October 31, 1808, and served two years. He was again Master in 1815. He filled various offices in the Grand Lodge of this State and was Grand Master in 1824, 1825 and 1826, and again in 1831. He was High Priest of St. John's Chapter. He served as Secretary of the General Grand Chapter from 1816 until 1826. He was Grand High Priest from September, 1813, until September, 1816.

Andrew Sigourney was a merchant of Boston and identified with many of its interests. He was treasurer of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, of which he became a member in 1806, treasurer of the town of Boston from 1814 to 1820, and a representative in the State Legislature. Being a man of sound judgment, he was often employed in settling estates of deceased persons; he was also frequently employed as executor and guardian. He died in Boston, August 6, 1820. Companion Sigourney was a member of the Lodge of St. Andrew in 1794, and became a member of St. Andrew's Chapter, June 9, 1800. In the Chapter he filled the offices of Royal Arch Captain, Secretary and Treasurer, and was King from 1805 to 1807, inclusive. He was ten years Grand Treasurer and was Grand Scribe and Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, serving in the last office from September, 1816, until September, 1818.

James Prescott was born at Groton, Mass., April 19, 1766. He was educated at Harvard College and graduated in 1798. He read law and commenced practice in Westford, where he remained about ten years, and then returned to his native town. It is said that "he was an excellent classical scholar and well versed in the law, but unfortunately had a harsh temper, which rendered him unpopular." He was Worshipful Master of St. Paul's Lodge, at Groton, in 1803. He was Grand High Priest from September, 1818, until September, 1820. The records of our Grand Chapter do not show that he was present at any of its meetings during his term of office beside that at which he was installed. His duties were performed by Companion Henry Fowle, who was at that time Deputy Grand

High Priest, and one of the most zealous and faithful officers that has ever served this Grand Chapter.

Jonathan Gage was Grand High Priest from September, 1820, until September, 1823. He was a merchant and a resident of Newburyport. His Masonic affiliations are as follows: Member of St. Peter's Lodge, in which he was elected Worshipful Master, December 16, 1790, District Deputy Grand Master in the Grand Lodge from 1803 to 1807, inclusive, High Priest of King Cyrus Chapter, and a leading member of Newburyport Commandery of Knights Templars, and for many years an officer of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The history of our Grand Chapter during its first twenty-five years was one of gratifying progress. Its affairs were wisely managed and its officers worked together in great harmony. During this period eighty-two meetings were held, and the number of Subordinate Bodies increased to seventeen, although four of them were lost through the establishment of the Grand Chapter of Maine in 1821.

It is interesting to observe the cautious and deliberate manner in which the Grand Chapter, from its beginning, acted upon the questions which came under its consideration. There was always apparent a realization of responsibility, and a feeling that its decisions would be accepted as precedents in later cases. For this reason almost every subject was referred to a Committee for consideration before action was taken. We also note frequent appointment of Committees to consider what forms should be adopted, or changes made in its methods to fit new conditions that were developed from time to time. This is illustrated by the appointment of a Committee September 10, 1811, to report "a form for the ceremonies of Installation and public processions." This was in anticipation of the consecrating and installing of Washington Chapter at Salem, January 15, 1812, an event that is fully described in our records. The same care was again illustrated June 11, 1822, when a Committee was appointed to consider the subject of jurisdiction, and to decide what construction should be given to the word "nearest" in determining what Chapter a candidate for the Degrees should enter. The Committee to whom

this was referred made the very practical recommendation that a candidate be admitted "to the Degrees in the Chapter where he can receive them with the greatest facility and least expense of travel."

Fourteen Chapters were chartered during the first twenty-five years. The records give an account of the consecration of all but two, Mt. Vernon, of Portland, and Franklin, of Greenfield.

The Sovereignty of the Grand Chapter was usually acknowledged by the Subordinate Chapters without question. There were occasional instances where obedience was accelerated by action of the Grand Body.

All the trouble in this direction appears to have come from Chapters that neglected to make returns, or failed in payment of annual dues. In one instance in 1807 it was necessary to threaten to recall the Charter of a Chapter before its members realized the necessity of obedience to the Grand Body.

In 1808 we have the first instance of clandestine Royal Arch Masonry; it was found in Roxbury. It was suppressed by action of the Grand Lodge, although the subject was considered by this body and referred to a Committee for investigation. This Committee subsequently reported the names of the persons engaged in the business, with the names of those who received the Degrees. The Grand Secretary was instructed to transmit the information to other Chapters and Grand Chapters.

We are unable to trace the Masonic record of the persons engaged in conferring the Degrees, but those who received them, with one exception, were members of Washington Lodge and included in their number the Master, both Wardens and Secretary. It is said that it was not the Lodge that "conferred the irregular Orders, but an Association composed of the members of the Lodge by the name of Washington Encampment."

It is probable that the brethren of Washington Lodge believed they had a right to obtain the Chapter Degrees in this or any other manner, without consulting the Grand Lodge. The latter body had another opinion: the time for obtaining Degrees by irregular methods was past. The Capitular Rite was regularly established within the State, and it was incon-

sistent with the dignity of the Grand Lodge to allow its Subordinates to engage in any Masonic enterprise that was opposed to the comfort and prosperity of the regular and duly constituted bodies with which it was associated. The Lodge was held responsible for the action of its members and its Charter withdrawn. It was soon returned, as the brethren saw their error and manifested a willingness to conform to the requirements of the Grand Body.

Frequent appointment of Committees to procure jewels and regalia is an evidence of the care that was taken to preserve the dignity of the Grand Chapter, while the appointment of other Committees to provide dinners at the Annual Meetings is no less evidence of a fraternal spirit that was cultivated on all convenient occasions.

The income of this body was at first very small. In 1811 the Treasurer reported a balance of $12.49 in his hands. This was the first time in eight years that the body had not been in debt at the Annual Meeting. From this date the financial condition improved and the funds gradually increased until 1822, when there was $913.44 on hand.

The Secretary's salary in 1806 and 1807 was $25.00. In 1808 it was $20.00. In the following year it was reduced to $15.00, where it remained until 1813, when it was put back to $20.00. In 1814 it was reduced to the very moderate sum of $5.00. It remained at this figure for only a single year. In 1815 it was raised again to $20.00; it was then gradually increased until 1820, when he was paid $40.00. At this time the body felt itself strong enough to appropriate $60.00 as a charity fund. The same appropriation was continued annually for several years. When the Grand Chapter of Maine was organized in 1821, our Grand Chapter was requested to assign them a portion of the funds of this body. The Committee to whom the subject was referred reported unfavorably, as the Chapters in Maine "have contributed but a very small portion to the funds," nearly all of which had been spent in repairing the losses occasioned by the burning of the Exchange Coffee House in 1818. Our body was willing to relinquish its claim to all sums that were due us from the Chapters in Maine at the time of separation.

Committees were frequently appointed to revise the By-Laws, yet we have only one complete code recorded in the period that we are now considering, that under the date of July 12, 1798.

In 1809 a Committee was appointed to "draft a form of returns to be made to the Grand Chapter." At the same time it was voted to remit to Chapters "the fees that may be due to said Grand Chapter on account of exalting any clergyman, in every case where the said Chapters do not receive fees for such exaltations."

In 1808 a design for a diploma was adopted and its price fixed at $2.00. Two years later the price was reduced to $1.00.

The present system of granting Dispensations before the issue of a Charter was inaugurated December 11, 1810, and a form of proxy September 10, 1822.

Our Grand Chapter has always endeavored to promote correct and uniform work among its Subordinates. In the first regulations, adopted July 12, 1798, it was made the duty of the Grand High Priest to give or cause to be given the lectures of the Royal Arch and Mark Degrees at every "General Communication." The records show that this regulation was faithfully observed.

There was sometimes a difference of opinion regarding what was the true work; to illustrate, in 1817 a Committee was appointed to "report a uniform explanation of the key to the Royal Arch characters." At the following annual meeting the Committee reported progress and had leave to sit again. No report of their conclusions is recorded.

In 1818 a great deal of interest was aroused by incompetent persons travelling from place to place for the purpose of teaching the Lectures and manner of working the several Degrees. Some of these persons were not only lacking in information, but were morally unfitted for the work in which they were engaged. Their work had been mostly confined to the Degrees of the Lodge, and to other Jurisdictions, but fearing that the practice might reach our Chapters, measures were taken to prevent such a result by the appointment of a Grand Visitor, who should visit the Chapters and teach them "the Lectures, mode of work and all things appertaining to the interest of the De-

grees and government of the Chapter." The office of Grand Visitor corresponds to that of Grand Lecturer of the present day.

Our records give but little information regarding the places in Boston where the meetings of the Grand Chapter were held. Our first meetings were in the famous Green Dragon Tavern. This tavern will long be remembered as the home of several of the early Masonic bodies of Boston. It has also additional interest in the fact that it was most intimately associated with the events of the Revolutionary period. Its name and history will always be an inspiration of patriotism.[16]

Our next meetings were held in Mason's Hall, on Ann, now North, Street, in a building which has only recently been demolished.

In 1817 and 1818 the meetings were held in the Exchange Coffee House, which was then considered a very grand building. It was destroyed by fire, November 3, 1818. One meeting was then held in Commercial Coffee House, after which they were again held in the old hall on Ann Street, probably continuing there until the end of 1820, when with other Masonic bodies of Boston, the Grand Chapter removed to the Old State House, which had been fitted up for Masonic uses and towards which it had contributed $403.46, and where it remained about ten years.

Some items of the records of this period appear quite strange at the present time, for example: September 13, 1814, the Grand Treasurer was authorized to receive at that Communication, bills of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island Banks in payment of dues from Subordinate Chapters. Some other items we have no means of interpreting, as all our papers of that time are missing.

We can only conjecture what John Mitchell, K. H., P. R. S., of Charleston, S. C., had to say in 1803, and what A. H. Palmer, Grand Chancellor of the Grand Consistory of New York, wanted in 1820. There were also communications from other Grand Chapters which have been lost, and with them all knowledge of the business to which they referred.

[16] This property, with modern buildings, is still in the possession of the Masonic fraternity, being owned by the Lodge of St. Andrew, Boston.

The history of the second twenty-five years covers the period of the great anti-Masonic excitement, which for a time threatened the existence of the entire Masonic institution. We shall present but few details of this unfortunate affair; we may congratulate ourselves that during this period, in which nearly all the Chapters of this State became dormant, the affairs of this body were wisely administered, and that earnest and faithful Companions, although few in number, defended its interests with a patience and fortitude that demand our warmest admiration.

At the beginning of this period there was nothing to indicate that trouble was soon to overtake the Masonic fraternity of Massachusetts; on the contrary, the prospect of its future was exceedingly bright. The Subordinate Chapters were well represented at the meetings of the Grand Chapter, and the latter was rapidly enlarging its usefulness by the establishment of new Chapters in various parts of the State, nine being constituted before the end of 1829.

The anti-Masonic movement started in New York in 1826. It did not reach Massachusetts with much force until 1830. Its effect then was to close most of the Chapters of the State and deprive the Grand Chapter of nearly all of its income. Its surplus, of about $1,000, was entirely wiped out. Before the return of prosperity it had to depend upon the private resources of its treasurer, during two successive years, for the settlement of its bills. For a period of ten years St. Andrew's, St. Paul's and Mt. Zion Chapters furnished almost the whole support of the body.

The meetings of the Grand Chapter were held with a regularity that is surprising when we consider how strong the public sentiment against the Masons was at that time, but the Companions who remained true to our institution found in these meetings a refreshment and encouragement that we cannot now appreciate. Their loyalty and their belief in the value of the Masonic institution is well shown in a circular issued by Grand High Priest Samuel Clarke in 1831, who said: "In our meetings there is but one feeling, and this, attachment and unyielding adherence to the principles of Masonry; and there is but one purpose, and this, to adopt every prudent and judicious

measure to promote the prosperity and best good of the Subordinate Chapters, to preserve our institution from injury, secure its permanency, and to render it, as it may be, a public blessing." Directed by such a spirit, the body could not perish, and when, nine years later, Grand High Priest Simon W. Robinson congratulated the members that "the heavy cloud" had passed away, we find him expressing the same high opinion of the institution.

During the first seven years of this period our records show only the regular business of a prosperous body. The first symptom of misfortune was met in the voluntary surrender of the Charter of St. Luke's Chapter, of Marblehead, June 9, 1829. This Chapter had been chartered only two years before. The return of its Charter was said to be the result, not of loss of interest of the members of that body, but solely of their inability to "sustain the expense."

This event was soon followed by the return of other Charters from Chapters whose membership was so reduced in courage or numbers that the meetings could not be sustained. An important part of the business of the Grand Chapter at this time was its dealings with the delinquent bodies, and its attempts to collect dues and other property to which it was entitled. The disaffection was greater in the western than in the eastern portion of the State, probably because the former was nearer the original source of trouble.

In 1830 there were twenty-one Subordinate Chapters in the State, in 1842 there were only five — St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, of Boston; Adoniram, of Taunton; Mt. Zion, of Stoughton, and Sutton, of Sutton. It was not until 1846 that the members of the disbanded Chapters began to reorganize and petition the Grand Chapter for restoration of their Charters. Our Grand Chapter received these petitions in a spirit of fraternal kindness and promptly granted their requests. In 1846 Morning Star, Worcester and Mt. Horeb Chapters were thus re-established. In 1847 Thomas Chapter was also re-established and authorized to remove to Fitchburg. In 1848 Northampton Chapter petitioned for restoration of Charter, which was granted.

During all the period of discouragement the business of the

Grand Chapter was discharged in the regular and orderly manner that has usually marked its deliberations. Some of the events recorded during this period are as follows: Printing Diplomas in 1823; also in the same year, amendment of the Constitutions by which the exaltation of a candidate outside of the jurisdiction in which he resides was prohibited without proper release and recommendation. In 1825 the revised Constitutions were ordered to be printed. In 1829 a Committee was appointed to compare the Constitutions with those of the General Grand Chapter. In 1838 the Regulations of the Grand Chapter were again revised, and are recorded in full. In these Regulations the minimum fee for exaltation was fixed at $31 for all but clergymen, whom the Chapters were permitted to admit without the payment of any fee.

This exception in favor of the clergy was not peculiar to the Masonic institution. In the early days of New England, clergymen were looked upon with great reverence, and their presence cordially welcomed in all societies. This sentiment, somewhat stronger sixty years ago, is still recognized in Masonic bodies, although we do not now offer them free admission to our Rite.

In 1827 "new dresses complete for the four first officers, and jewels and collars for all the officers of the Grand Chapter" were purchased at an expense of $296.25.

An unsuccessful attempt was made in 1824 to abolish refreshments at the Quarterly Convocations.

Several communications from other Grand Chapters were received at different times. In 1825 the Companions of the District of Columbia gave notice of their having formed themselves into a Grand Chapter. In 1826 a communication was received from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky recommending the dissolution of the General Grand Chapter. This subject was presented again in the following year and was referred to a Committee for consideration. The report of the Committee, which was made at a subsequent meeting, discloses the arguments offered by the Kentucky Companions, but they were of no avail in convincing our Committee, for they reported that no "good effects could possibly result from a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter, but on the contrary much injury

would arise to Subordinate Chapters, and to the interests of the institution generally, therefore it is inexpedient to take any further order on the subject." The report was adopted and a copy ordered to be sent to the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

Communications were also received in 1827 from the General Grand Chapter of the United States and from the Grand Chapter of South Carolina. These communications have not been preserved, but are supposed to have referred to the relations existing between the General Grand and the Grand Chapters. A communication was received during the same year from the Grand Chapter of Maryland requesting this Grand Chapter to recognize the Select Degree and to authorize the Subordinate Chapters to confer it previous to the Royal Arch. This proposition did not meet with approval, and an unfavorable answer was returned. This subject was again presented in 1829 by some of our own members at a meeting held immediately after that of the General Grand Chapter, which had met in New York. It was presented by the members of our body who had attended the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, and where this subject had undoubtedly been pressed upon their attention. As in the former instance, but little interest was taken in this subject and it was soon dropped, by the discharge of the Committee to whom it had been referred.

Numerous instances of appreciation of faithful officers are on record, also accounts of several presentations of testimonials to Companions who had been active in support of the body.

In 1830 a vote of thanks was received from the proprietors of Christ Church for the use of Masonic Hall as a place of worship. In 1832 this body donated its interest in a chandelier to the Bethel Church. In 1833 $100 was donated for the completion of Bunker Hill Monument.

During the latter part of the period which we are now considering, this Grand Chapter was the recipient of invitations to attend many Masonic installations and celebrations; some of these courtesies came from Chapters outside of our State.

In 1838 the General Grand Chapter held its Tenth Triennial in Boston. A Committee was appointed to arrange for the event. The occasion proved of great interest to the Companions of this body.

Notwithstanding the interruption of the growth of Capitular Masonry during the anti-Masonic period, our Grand Chapter maintained at all times its interest in the preservation of the correct work, and continued its practice of giving the lectures of the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees at its meetings. Its interest in this subject is illustrated by the appointment of a Committee in 1848 to "report on certain ceremonies relative to the Royal Arch Degree, it being desirable that a uniformity of work should be adopted and practised by the Chapters."

During this period an important enterprise was begun and completed in the erection of the Masonic Temple at the corner of Tremont Street and Temple Place. This undertaking was managed by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and, as is well known by all who are familiar with the Masonic history of the times, was attended with great opposition from the anti-Masonic portion of the community, which at that time was very active politically and socially.

In spite of all difficulties the Temple was completed and dedicated to Masonic use. It was first occupied by the Grand Chapter, June 12, 1832.

At the beginning of this period our regular meetings were held both in Boston and Newburyport. In Boston our quarters were in the Old State House until some time in 1830, when we removed with the other bodies to a hall on Washington Street opposite Franklin. Our meetings were continued at this hall until the Temple at the corner of Tremont Street and Temple Place was completed. The last annual meeting held at Newburyport was on September 13, 1825.

During this period of our history ninety-two meetings were held and ten Grand High Priests presided over the Grand Chapter. Their names are: Paul Dean, Daniel Lewis Gibbens, Samuel Clarke, Josiah J. Fiske, Edward Asa Raymond, Simon W. Robinson, John B. Hammatt, Elijah Atherton, Thomas Tolman and Charles W. Moore.

The few facts which we now give regarding these Companions are not to be considered as an attempt to do justice to their memory. Such an effort would carry us beyond the limits of this paper.

Paul Dean was Grand High Priest from September, 1823,

until September, 1826. He was born at Barnard, Windsor County, Vt., March 28, 1783. He was a clergyman, commencing his life in that profession in 1806, at Montpelier, Vt. In 1813 he came to Boston to reside, and was for many years pastor of the First Universalist Church. In 1823 he was settled over the Central Universalist Society, where he remained until 1840, discharging his duty with "faithfulness, ability and success."

He was made a Mason in Centre Lodge No. 6, at East Rutland, Vt, in 1805. He received the Chapter Degrees in Horeb Royal Arch Chapter No. 7, at New Hartford, N. Y., in 1811. He was first High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter, of Boston. He was General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter for nine successive years. He also filled many important positions in other departments of Masonic work. His work and his words did much to encourage and sustain the wavering during the time of the great anti-Masonic trouble. He died October 1, 1860.

Daniel Lewis Gibbens was born in Boston, November 16, 1786. He was a successful merchant and useful citizen; representing the people in both city and State government. He was Colonel of the Second Regiment and Captain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. He was Worshipful Master of Massachusetts Lodge, High Priest of St. Andrew's Chapter, and was Grand High Priest from September, 1826, until December, 1829. He died at his home in Dorchester, August 17, 1853. It is said of Companion Gibbens that he was "of kind and generous feelings, hospitable to the poor, exceedingly pleasant and urbane in his manners, a sincere friend, of pure morals and irreproachable integrity."

Samuel Clarke was born at New Boston, N. H., April 21, 1791; he died at Uxbridge, Mass., November 19, 1859. He was a Unitarian clergyman at Princeton for fifteen years, then at Uxbridge from 1833 until the time of his death. He was highly respected in his profession and sincerely loved for his many excellent qualities. He was a Charter member and the first High Priest of Thomas Chapter, which was established at Princeton in 1822, but which was removed to Fitchburg in 1847. At the time Companion Clarke was Grand High Priest, which

embraced the period from December, 1829, until September, 1832, the feeling against the Masonic institution was at its height. He proved faithful and efficient in the discharge of the important duties that fell to his lot. His wise counsel, supported by the example of a pure life, did much to sustain the honor of our institution at the time when its supporters were few.

Josiah J. Fiske was Grand High Priest from September, 1832, until September, 1834. He resided at Wrentham, Mass., and was a lawyer by profession. He was Worshipful Master of St. Albans Lodge of Foxboro, in 1818, 1819 and 1820. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge from 1821 to 1824, inclusive. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, May 11, 1819, in Adoniram Chapter while it was located in Taunton; he became a member of the Chapter, October 5, 1819. There is no record of his ever being High Priest of his Chapter. We learn from the records of the Grand Chapter that he was High Priest of Mount Lebanon Chapter when it was acting under Dispensation, but resigned prior to June 24, 1825, when that Chapter was chartered.

Edward Asa Raymond was born at Holden, Mass., in 1781. In early life he lived in Shutesbury, Mass., and at Richmond, Va. Later he resided at Cambridge, Mass., where he was employed in business; still later he was engaged in the grocery business in Boston.

Companion Raymond was a prominent member of the Democratic party in Boston and for a long time held a position in the Custom House. He was made a Mason in Amicable Lodge, Cambridgeport, January 15, 1816.

He affiliated with St. John's Lodge of Boston, April 2, 1838. He withdrew from this Lodge and united with Massachusetts Lodge, November 24, 1843. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1849 to 1851, inclusive. He received the Mark Degree in Union Master Mark Lodge in Richmond, Va., January 19, 1819. It is not known where he received the Degree of Most Excellent Master, but he was exalted in St. Paul's Chapter, Boston, September 2, 1819. He served as High Priest of that body in 1827 and 1828, and again in 1844 and 1845. He was a prominent Knight Tem-

plar, also a leading member of the Scottish Rite. He was Grand High Priest from September, 1834, until September, 1837. His death occurred August 2, 1864.

Simon W. Robinson was born at New Hampton, N. H., February 19, 1792, and died at Lexington, Mass., October 16, 1868. At the age of twenty he was in the service of his country, and, as adjutant, was stationed at Portsmouth, N. H., during the War of 1812. At the close of the war he located in Boston and entered business, in which he continued until about 1845, when he retired with a moderate competency. He was for a time a member of the Legislature.

He was made a Mason in Mt. Lebanon Lodge, and was its Worshipful Master in 1824, 1825 and 1845. He was Treasurer from 1829 until 1844, inclusive. He was exalted in St. Paul's Chapter, January 17, 1821. He served as Scribe and King of that Chapter and was its High Priest in 1825 and 1826. In this Grand Chapter he was Grand Scribe and Grand King, and was Grand High Priest from September, 1837, until 1840. He was also very active in Scottish Rite Masonry.

John B. Hammatt was born in Boston, June 12, 1778, and died in the same city, June 9, 1864. In his youth he learned the trade of upholsterer and paper stainer. After completing his trade he entered business for himself. His skill and attention to business led to success and he was enabled to acquire a competency with supported him in the declining days of his life. He was deacon of a church at the North End, and a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, in which he was at one time sergeant.

He was admitted to St. John's Lodge, Boston, in 1800, and was Worshipful Master of that body in 1811. He was admitted to membership in St. Andrew's Chapter, June 9, 1802, and held various offices in that body, serving as High Priest in 1810 and 1811. He was elected Grand High Priest, September 8, 1840, and held the office one year. From 1815 until 1830 he resided in Alexandria, D. C. While a resident of that place he was a member of a Lodge and Chapter that were located there, and held important offices in each. In the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts he held the offices of Junior and Senior Grand Wardens and Deputy Grand Master. He

was Commander of Boston Commandery, K. T., also of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Companion Hammatt was noted for his proficiency in the Ritual of all the grades of the Order, and was always ready to aid in each by his service or advice.

Elijah Atherton was Grand High Priest from September, 1841, until September, 1844. He resided in Stoughton, where he was born July 25, 1780. He was initiated in Rising Star Lodge, of Stoughton, which was then located in Canton, January 23, 1812. He became a member May 21, 1812, and was Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1817, 1818, 1819 and 1820. He was a regular attendant of the Lodge during his entire life, and few, if any other, contributed as much to the success of the body as he did during the forty years of his membership. He was a Charter member and the first King of Mt. Zion Chapter. He was afterwards High Priest of the same. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge from 1833 to 1837, inclusive. He died December 13, 1852.

Thomas Tolman was born at Stoughton, Mass., February 20, 1791. He was educated at Brown University and graduated in 1811. He was a lawyer, also editor of a newspaper. He was made a Mason in Rising Star Lodge, of Stoughton, March 23, 1820, and admitted a member of the same October 19, 1820. He was Secretary of the Lodge in 1823. He served in the Grand Lodge as Treasurer and District Deputy Grand Master. He was a member of Mt. Zion Chapter and its High Priest in 1833, and Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter from September, 1844, until September, 1846. He died in Boston, June 20, 1869.

Charles W. Moore was born in Boston, March 29, 1801. He was initiated in Kennebeck Lodge, Hallowell, Me., May, 1822. He was in the same year admitted to membership in the Lodge of St. Andrew in Boston. In that Lodge he was Worshipful Master in 1833. In 1834 he was Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge. He was exalted in St. Andrew's Chapter April 6, 1825, and became a member November 3, 1830. He held various offices in the Chapter, being its High Priest in 1840 and 1841. In this Grand Chapter he held the offices of Grand Lecturer and Grand King, and was Grand High Priest from

September, 1846, until December, 1849. Companion Moore was a leading mind in every department of the Masonic institution and no one was more distinguished for loyalty and active defence of Freemasonry during the days of anti-Masonry than he. It would require many pages to give an account of his work, but its particulars are easily traced in the records of the bodies with which he was associated. He died in Boston, December 12, 1873.

We shall mention only a few of the interesting events of the last fifty years, nor is it necessary to do more, for a considerable portion of that history comes within the recollection of many of our older members and is familiar to all who have read the Proceedings that have been annually published by this Grand Chapter. During the first fifty years of our history we have laid the foundation and built up the frame-work of our institution; during the last fifty we have endeavored to perfect and complete this work in harmony with the design of the founders. That our efforts have been successful is shown by the steady advance in the growth and prosperity of the Capitular Rite in our State.

Fifty years ago we numbered only thirteen Chapters, one of these soon becoming extinct. Since then two, bearing the honored names of Washington and Franklin, have been revived, and sixty others chartered, making a total of seventy-four Chapters, with a united membership of more than fifteen thousand Companions bearing allegiance to this Grand Chapter.

We have alluded to the high character of the men who presided over the body in its early days; we have no less reason to congratulate ourselves on the character of their successors and that the interests of this Grand Chapter have been wisely and peacefully administered. Nineteen Grand High Priests have filled that office during the last fifty years, making thirty-nine during the first century of its existence.

We can form some idea of the standing of our Grand Chapter in the minds of its supporters by the quality of the men who have been at its head. We have had clergymen, lawyers, physicians and merchants, many of whom were men of large affairs and great responsibilities, yet all of them felt honored in pre-

siding over a body whose object is to encourage charity of heart and benevolence of action.

The names of the last nineteen Grand High Priests are: Stephen Lovell, Daniel Harwood, Wendell Thornton Davis, John McClellan, James Kimball, Solon Thornton, Richard Briggs, Henry Chickering, Alfred F. Chapman, John W. Dadmun, Smith B. Harrington, Thomas Waterman, Albert C. Smith, Frederick T. Comee, Arthur G. Pollard, J. Albert Blake, J. Gilman Waite, and Seranus Bowen.

All but eight of this number have finished their labors with us and have passed through the veils into the presence of the Supreme Grand High Priest. A record of the services of those who have gone has been made by this Grand Chapter at the time of their decease. It is not necessary to repeat the facts at this time.

During the fifty years ending with 1897, our body has held 235 Convocations, making 409 since its organization. These Convocations were for many years called Meetings. From December, 1863, until December, 1865, they were called Communications, but since that date they have been called Convocations.

A large amount of work has been transacted during this period, and none is more interesting or important than that relating to the work and Lectures of the Degrees. When we consider how much the prosperity of this body depends upon the preservation and correct presentation of the work in the Subordinate Bodies, we are not surprised at the attention which has been given to this subject, nor that Committees have been frequently appointed to see what measures should be adopted for the promotion of uniform work. Interest in this subject was largely developed under the direction of M. E. Comp. Stephen Lovell, who as Grand High Priest, also as Grand Lecturer, labored most zealously in extending a knowledge of what he believed to be the correct work. While his teachings were not acceptable to all, none doubted his earnestness or his sincerity, and his successors are under great obligation to him for his long and persistent efforts to establish a uniform and correct work.

Since the time of Companion Lovell others have continued

this work; without naming all we may properly mention our late Companions Chapman and Bowen, both of whom took a deep interest in this subject, and spent much time in its work.

Among the important acts of our Grand Chapter during the time under consideration, was that of September 8, 1885, which makes it necessary for a candidate to select and record his mark before exaltation. This action had been previously attempted without success.

We have mentioned the attempt of a sister Grand Chapter to dissolve the relations existing between the General Grand Chapter and its Subordinates. This body was not in sympathy with the plan, but the time came at last when such a proposition was presented by some of our own members. This event occurred June 12, 1860. At the following meeting it was almost unanimously defeated. The subject, however, was not then finally settled, for on June 9, 1868, it was revived and the representatives of the Grand Chapter who were about to attend the Twentieth Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at St. Louis were instructed to dissolve the relations existing between the two bodies. We do not fully appreciate the motive that prompted this action, but we are happy in the knowledge that it did not succeed. This is the last attempt that has been made to interrupt the relations that have otherwise pleasantly existed between these two ancient bodies.

Our Grand Chapter has been honored by the election of three of its Past Grand High Priests to the office of General Grand High Priest, and at the present time another Past Grand High Priest, to whom we are bound by the strongest ties of affection and respect occupies the position of General Grand King. With these facts in mind, and recollecting the important part which the founders of this body had in the establishment of the General Grand Chapter, we feel assured that no circumstance can ever arise that shall sever the relations now existing between the two bodies.

All who read the printed Proceedings of our Grand Chapter are aware of the considerable space allotted to the Committee of Foreign Correspondence. This department has grown up from a recommendation of that able and zealous Companion, M.·. E.·. James Kimball, who in his Annual Address, Sep-

tember 9, 1862, suggested the need of such a Committee. It was the good fortune of our body to have him serve first in that capacity. The work which he did was so satisfactory that the department has been continued until the present time. His successors have been: M.·. E.·. Companions Henry Chickering, John W. Dadmun, Alfred F. Chapman, Seranus Bowen, and now commencing on the second century, J. Gilman Waite. To the efforts of these Companions we are largely indebted for our knowledge of the doings of the Capitular Rite throughout the world.

The system of Grand Chapter representation, which has for a long time been practised between the several Grand Chapters of the country, was not at first received with favor by this body, and the attempts of sister Grand Chapters to secure representation near this Grand Chapter were repeatedly refused as inexpedient; but the system had so much in its favor, and was so strongly established elsewhere, that our body finally fell into line with the others and by vote, December 30, 1874, the Grand High Priest was authorized "to appoint Representatives near other Grand Chapters, and to receive such appointments near this."

In the early days of this period it was the custom of the Grand High Priest to personally inspect the Chapters under his care. As the Chapters increased in number this practice became a severe tax on his time and strength. To meet this difficulty the Chapters of the State were divided into districts and placed under the care of District Deputy Grand High Priests, who were appointed by the Grand High Priest to visit the Chapters as his representatives. This important action was taken in 1872, and the list of districts and deputies announced at the March Convocation of that year.

The subject of a union of the Cryptic and Capitular Rites has several times been brought to the attention of this body, but has never met with much favor. It was last presented in communications from the Grand Chapters of Mississippi and California. Our Grand Chapter saw no reason for changing its views on this question and by vote, June 12, 1877, decided that it was expedient to make any change in the practice and government of the two bodies.

Numerous fraternal and social gatherings are mentioned in the records of the last fifty years, nearly all of which were connected with the dedication of new Chapters. Several excellent addresses delivered on those occasions are recorded. Many of the ceremonies were public and attended by the families and friends of the Companions interested.

The practice of delivering a formal address by the Grand High Priest at the Annual Convocation was not well established until 1869, although there had been one or two delivered at irregular intervals previous to that date. There were other instances of a brief review of the year's work by some of the Grand High Priests, whose words are not recorded. This practice has now become one of the prominent features of the Annual Convocation and furnishes the Grand High Priest a convenient opportunity to recommend such legislation as has been suggested by his experience in office.

The Order of High Priesthood is frequently mentioned in our records, the first instance being in connection with the ceremony of "consecrating and installing Washington Royal Arch Chapter" at Salem, January 15, 1812. We do not know the exact relation then existing between the Order of High Priesthood and the Grand Chapter, but a report presented by Companion Henry Fowle, December 15, 1812, leads us to believe that the Order was not entirely under the control of the Grand Body. Soon after this date the custom of reporting to the Grand Chapter the names of those who received the Order was inaugurated and has continued until the present day.

Eleven Grand Secretaries served this Grand Chapter during its first century. Until 1891 the records and other property belonging to this office were kept at the residence or place of business of the Secretary as best suited his convenience; since that time the Grand Chapter has provided a commodious office as its headquarters, where its business can be despatched, and where its records and other valuable property are safely cared for.

The places where our meetings have been held during the last fifty years are as follows: Masonic Temple, at the corner of Tremont Street and Temple Place; Nassau Hall, corner of Washington and Common Streets; Thorndike Hall, No. 10

Summer Street; Masonic Temple, corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets; Masonic Hall, Roxbury, where two meetings were held after the burning of Masonic Temple, and Mason's Hall, at No. 18 Boylston Street.

The greatest growth of membership in the Subordinate Chapters has been during the last thirty-five years; the growth in the ten years following 1863 being quite remarkable, the aggregate membership advancing at that time from 2,035 to 8,268, a gain of more than three hundred per cent. The prosperity continued in a good degree for three years more, then there was a period from 1877 to 1887 during which there was little gain. Since 1887 there has been a constant and quite regular increase in our number which indicates that our Chapters have entered on an era of prosperity that is not likely to be interrupted.

One hundred years ago the influence of the Capitular Rite in this State was confined to the vicinity of Boston and Newburyport. To-day our Chapters are established in every county except one, and their privileges are within the reach of all who aspire to them.

The great growth of our body is exceedingly gratifying, for it proves the lasting value of our institution. Freemasonry is a practical organization. It is designed to promote the moral and social welfare of its members. Its principles are the expression of the best aspirations of our consciousness; its mission is to unite mankind in bonds of good-fellowship, to promote virtue, and encourage sentiments of fraternal regard and acts of charity, and its prosperity is a measure of the loyalty of its members to these principles.

With this standard for the test we have a right to be proud of the position which our Grand Chapter now occupies. The first epoch of its history is completed in honor, and we stand at the threshold of a new century with confidence that its future will be wisely directed and that in a larger measure it will continue those influences that have helped to make mankind useful and happy.

The following Centennial Ode, written by Companion Fred Clinton Fairbanks, was sung by the choir:

ODE.

All hail! Companions Excellent!
With jubilant accord
Your voices join in songs of praise,
To magnify the Lord,
Who through an hundred years hath kept
And blest our chosen band,
Our strong foundations deeply laid,
For evermore to stand.

When we the burning bush behold
In awe, with unshod feet,
Fill Thou our souls with ardent love,
And zeal for service meet.
O Great High Priest within the veil,
Accept our offering,
Which we, with humble gratitude,
Unto Thine altar bring.

Jehovah, Who to Israel
Revealed Thy mighty hand,
Conduct us through life's wilderness
Into the Promised Land.
Send down the fire from heaven, O God,
Upon each waiting heart;
Establish here Thy dwelling-place,
And nevermore depart.

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

Companions and Brethren: — I have a very pleasant duty to perform. During the afternoon I have mentioned the State of Maine, and, in two or three words, alluded to the Grand Chapter. Now I am going to introduce a Companion who has come from Maine, not necessarily to speak for the State of Maine, because I think that the State of Maine will be responded for later by somebody else; but I want this Companion to speak for himself on any subject that he chooses. I have the pleasure of introducing to you a very distinguished member, whom you all must know, M.·. E.·. Companion Josiah H. Drummond, Past General Grand High Priest.

RESPONSE BY M.·. E.·. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,

PAST GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions: — It certainly gives me very great pleasure to be here to attend this Centennial Anniversary of this glorious old Grand Chapter, of which my own Grand Chapter is the daughter. And she is proud of her mother; she has sometimes had occasion to reprove her gently, it is true, but she has always been proud of her.

You have intimated, Most Excellent Sir, that some one else will speak for Maine, and I will leave that to him with pleasure, because I desire to allude to another subject, and that, too, in the presence of these Companions, with some of whom I have had the honor and very great pleasure to be associated in Masonic work for almost half the period which your celebration covers. I want to say a few words in relation to the General Grand Chapter, of which this body has been one of the loyal friends and supporters. I am not going back to the beginning of it, but I desire to use it as a text, or rather, perhaps, to illustrate a text concerning which I should like to talk.

The older I grow, the more I see of Freemasonry, the more strongly I am impressed with the idea that it is a fraternity, an *institution*, a UNIT, and not an aggregation of Grand Lodges,

Grand Chapters, and other bodies; but that it is one institution of which these Grand Bodies are the agents in carrying out and doing its work; and, therefore, anything that will promote the universality of Freemasonry as an institution is worthy of our regard and our support; and, Brethren — I say "Brethren" advisedly — the more we love Masonry, the more we will love it as an *institution*, and the more strongly we will recognize and appreciate what it is to be an institution, and the bond of fraternity that goes not merely through this Grand Old Commonwealth of Massachussetts, not merely throughout the United States, but throughout the whole world. Now, Brethren and Companions, the General Grand Chapter is almost the *only* body that represents, as I say, the universality of Freemasonry. It is, as you, Most Excellent, have truly stated, the strongest body in the world; and it is strong because it embraces within its jurisdiction such an extent, not merely of territory, but of Masons, and the best Masons and most devoted Masons of the country. I want to illustrate that by some reminiscences.

Up to 1856, the General Grand Chapter had gone on the even tenor of its ways, as the head of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States, with the exceptions of Pennsylvania and Virginia. In 1856, there came young men into the body, able and ardent, but with the idea that the American system of *civil* government was the best in the world — as it is — but with the other idea, erroneous, as I hold, and as I more firmly believe as I grow older, that civil government is a model for the government for Freemasonry.

In civil government, different States have different interests, which clash with each other. Different sections of the country have different interests, which clash with each other; but in Freemasonry there is no difference. Freemasonry, represented by my friend from over the line in the Dominion, Freemasonry here in the North, Freemasonry in the South, is one and the same thing. We have the same interests, the same Constitutions to support, and are bound by the same laws; and the more nearly we assimilate Freemasonry into an institution, the better we will carry out its work.

Well, now, as I said, in 1856 there came into the General

Grand Chapter these young men, honestly desiring to do the best thing for Freemasonry that they could, but bringing with them their ideas of civil government, and the thought that there should be a governing body above the Grand Chapter was not pleasing to them; and so they started out with the idea of changing it and making it conform to the Government of the United States; and at that session a resolution looking in that direction was passed, but nothing was done to amount to anything.

At the next Convocation, held in 1859, the subject was taken up again, and was discussed for days, and when a vote was taken on the question, there was a very large majority in favor of the change, but not two-thirds, as required by the Constitution, and it looked as if the General Grand Chapter was going to pieces, and, as I have said and I *believe*, although they did not know it then, those terrible events which were coming in a few years afterwards were casting their shadows before them — and this was one of the shadows. But after the vote was taken, it was found that apparently the General Grand Chapter would go to pieces unless something was done; and that good old Mason, Robert P. Dunlap, of Maine, led in counselling submission to the will of the majority, and it was carried; but it was accepted almost everywhere as a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter, — that is, as a *practical* dissolution of the General Grand Chapter; and it was on that account, I have no doubt, Most Excellent, that the resolutions to which you have alluded, and of which I had not before heard, were presented and adopted in your own Grand Chapter.

Then followed the war and the secessions of States; adopting the same principle and basing their action upon their views of civil law, several Grand Chapters followed the example and declared themselves free from the General Grand Chapter. So that later, after the war was over, the number of its adherents was greatly reduced. It did not meet in 1862. It met nominally in 1865. Its meeting in 1868 would not have been of much consequence had it not been for the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and some questions pending there. But even then it looked as if the General Grand Chapter was going to pieces.

In 1871 it met at Baltimore. That was my first entrance into that body, and I believe, Companions, that the spirit that was exhibited between the Masons of the South and the Masons of the North upon that occasion was about the first step taken to bring about the reconciliation between the two sections of the country after the terrible storm of war which had preceded it.

We met there Judge English and Luke A. Barber, of Arkansas, and other men, and when we came together, we of the North were, perhaps, as much surprised as they of the South were, to find after all — after the war and after all the feeling that had resulted — that the hearts of the Masons on both sides were big with fraternal feeling and brotherly love, and it began to exhibit itself and did exhibit itself there, and I say, and I have no doubt, that Freemasonry and the General Grand Chapter in particular at that time had much to do with the increasing flow of brotherly love and unity that began to pervade this whole country.

Then we met again in Nashville in 1874, and there was talk there openly of the effect which it had, and in some remarks which I had the honor to make I referred to the past difficulties, and to the North and to the South, and when I said, "and we are again united, and over that union, in the future, not a cloud of war or even dissension must ever come," my words were cheered to the echo, not only by my friends from the North, but by our friends from the South.

And you will forgive me for referring to a personal incident. I happened to be at the head of the General Grand Chapter. Judge English and I had been much together at Baltimore. He was unable to be at the meeting at Nashville. He was Deputy General Grand High Priest. On account of his absence, he did not expect an election to any office, and I do not know — my memory fails me — as to whether the telegram which I am about to mention came before his election as General Grand High Priest or after it, but, at all events, we had determined to elect him, and he was elected by a unanimous vote. He telegraphed to a friend of his, a brother who came up from Arkansas, Companion Dannelly, to represent Arkansas at that Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, his kind

greetings to us all, and at the end of the telegram he added, "Hug Drummond for me."

Companion Dannelly had been a typical Southerner, and he was a minister, and I think that when ministers get aroused they are about as strong in their feelings as the rest of us; we were taking dinner at the hotel — there were none there but Masons — and he received the telegram while we were at dinner, and got up and came along to me, and read the telegram, and when he read the last part of it, he said, "I always obey what the Judge says," and he gave me a real good hug! Then he stepped back and said, "Brother Drummond, if anybody had said to me before I left Arkansas that I should hug a Yankee before I got back, I should have said to him, 'Is thy servant a dog that he should do this thing?' "Now," he added, "I have hugged you for the Judge, I am going to give you another *on my own account*," and he did! And among the cheers that greeted it, when I looked round, I saw the tears were running down the faces of those strong men. They understood what it meant. They understood that it was a kind of love feast, and a meeting of the North and South through the Masons; that in the future we should be one and indivisible.

And, Companions, I say to you that even that Convocation and that incident had something to do with proving that fact, and in bringing us to the state in which we are at the present time.

Companions, I repeat these reminiscences solely to illustrate and to support me in my own judgment of the utility of this General Grand Chapter of the United States.

I have forgotten one thing that I intended to mention. In 1871 the tide turned. When we met in 1871 it was doubtful whether there would be any General Grand Chapter when we went away or not, but the sentiment was universal in favor of it. Companion Fellows, from Louisiana, who has recently died, was there, and Companions from all over the South, Norris, of Alabama, and others whom I will not take the time to mention, and the feeling was such, and the union was such, that they desired the General Grand Chapter to continue.

Then we did one thing more: we made Past Grand High Priests of the State Grand Bodies permanent members of the

General Grand Chapter, and that was what gave it strength. In most systems of government we have executive, legislative and judicial departments, but in Masonry we combine them in one. Take the General Grand Chapter of the United States; why, look at it — a few officers — the Past Grand High Priests and the members of the Grand Councils of the different States, embracing almost all the Grand Chapters in the country. Now, are you afraid that such a body as that will oppress you? Are not your Grand High Priests and your Past Grand High Priests the men whom you love to honor, and in whom you confide? Are they not your wisest and best counsellors?

Then think of the body which we make when we get together as a General Grand Chapter!

And so I leave off as I began, by commending to you the support of the General Grand Chapter, and I trust and believe that those who shall live to see the next centennial come round will find the General Grand Chapter stronger than ever, and its banner waving over every Royal Arch Mason in this country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Lakes to the Gulf, and I do not despair that even our brethren of the Dominion of Canada will also be with us!

CHORUS. "God is our Hope." *Davenport.*

SOLO BY COMPANION T. H. NORRIS.

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

Companions: — I have received the following letter, which I would like to read:

BALTIMORE, October 21, 1899.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland extends to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts fraternal greetings and hearty congratulations upon the happy occasion of its One Hundredth Anniversary, and commissions its well-beloved Companion, George L. McCahan, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts near the Grand Chapter of Maryland, to be the bearer of this expression and of the trust that its brilliant career of the past century may be an earnest of the peace, prosperity and success of the centuries to come. Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland.

WM. H. MARTIN,
Grand High Priest.

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

Companions: — It gives me a great deal of pleasure to now introduce to you M.·. E.·. Companion McCahan, Past General Grand High Priest, who has come here to assist us in our celebration.

RESPONSE BY M.·. E.·. GEORGE L. McCAHAN.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts: — It is more than an ordinary pleasure to be with you on this occasion — the Anniversary of the Centenary of your Grand Chapter — in the capacity of your Representative near the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and besides to be the bearer of the greetings and congratulations of that Grand Body.

Having held the office of your Grand Representative near Maryland for nearly a quarter of the century of the existence of your Grand Chapter, I avail myself of the opportunity to make a formal report, as all good Representatives should, occasionally at least, as I now do, and that report is: All is well, as it has ever been, between Massachusetts and Maryland.

Personally I would give expression to the sense of honor I feel in being continued for so long a time in the office, thus substantiating the claim of being an officer of longer standing, probably, than any other now connected with your Grand Body.

That the office has been useful cannot be gainsaid, for the reason that the many opportunities offering have been availed of to cultivate intimate and pleasurable relations between the Companions of the two bodies, the success of which has been as constantly exemplified as good fortune has permitted companionship.

Maryland has been referred to to-day as having celebrated her Centenary in 1897. She did; and I would ask Massachusetts, and others, when they cogitate on that subject, to go slow, for there are two things we believe in in Maryland — Holy Writ and that our Grand Chapter was organized June 24, 1797. Documentary proof of this latter fact we have in abundance to convince the most incorrigible skeptic,— if he is

willing to be convinced. One such I have now in my mind's eye and when he shall be won over, I shall rejoice "And feel that I am happier than I know."

Most Excellent Sir and Companions, there comes a time to all when we entertain the wish,

"Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us,
To see oursel's as ithers see us,"

and through the encomiums of Maryland may that power now be given you.

Maryland congratulates Massachusetts upon her good old age, her prosperous career and the honorable position she occupies in the Royal Arch world, the more so because so eminently deserved.

We in Maryland have been close observers of Massachusetts for many years, and have found her to be an exemplar that could with safety be imitated.

If we go back to 1797 we find that the primary Convention that led up to the formation of a Grand Chapter for the Northern States, subsequently becoming the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was held in this city — Boston. 'Twas here the bark of organized Royal Arch Masonry in this country, under its own banner, was launched on seas unknown and unfathomable. Through wars, tribulation and persecution, Massachusetts held fast to the faith, and as peace blessed our land, she gave her best efforts in rebuilding the Temple of the Royal Craft, including the strengthening of the foundation of the National Body, and the General Grand Chapter to-day has no more loyal or influential constituent than Massachusetts. Your century of existence is rich with honor not only at home but wherever Royal Arch Masonry is known.

Now, Companions, Maryland, assuming that you will continue to grow older and to be good — though how you can avoid being either I know not — proposes to receive you into the Order of Centenarians; in fact, "by the high power in me vested," I now constitute your Grand Chapter a member of that Ancient and Honorable Order. Your greatest service, as a member, will be to support and maintain the claims of other centenarians as to their age, and as there are but few of us our watchword must be "united we stand, divided we fall."

Now, Most Excellent Sir and Companions, permit me to say in more serious vein, history is the theme necessarily, and I may add preferably, on occasions like this. Dusty tomes and musty records of a century have been laboriously conned by zealous Companions and the results of their researches compiled and laid before you in comprehensive form and from them are obtained the material facts, but, by the lives of those who have passed on before we find unfolded the mysteries of Masonry and comprehend the genius of the institution. We view the actors on the stage and from the exemplifications of their zeal and devotion, their beneficence in word and deed, arises the desire to emulate them. Harmony controlleth all things and we worship in our hearts those noble men, and emblazon upon their memorial tablet, "They did all things in the fear of the Lord and for the betterment of their fellow-men."

How many of us realize that we are makers of history? Your honored ancestry whose memories and achievements you now venerate had their beginnings in the work which we applaud to-day. How important and proper, then, that we recognize our position on the stage of action and keep ever in mind that upon us of the present depend the success and perpetuity of our beloved institution. Each has his part and the youngest member of the Craft has it in his power to uphold the hands of the Master Workmen, if it be but by his presence.

Retrospecting the century past, there is everything to admire in recounting the devotion and achievements of those Companions of yore, and a laudable ambition may be properly entertained to so discharge all the duties devolving upon us that to those who will follow after us we may appear as like unto them.

"One hundred years! What soul can pierce a century's mystery
Or dream how men will celebrate the next Centennial Day?
One hundred years ago to-day Companions wrought as well
As we do now, and they are dust, and we are here to tell
How noble their example was, and to their mem'ries dear
To offer up a silent prayer and drop a loyal tear.
Oh, may we work as wisely, that the next centennial year
May find our mem'ries cherished and our names in love appear
Upon the glorious roster of nineteen ninety-nine,
Our graves revered on earth by men, our souls in realms divine."

SONG. "The Endless Day." *Johnson.*

Companion JOSEPH L. WHITE.

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

Companions: — The Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois is at present holding its Fiftieth Convocation. It has sent the following telegram to our Grand Secretary: "Please present the congratulations of Grand Chapter of Illinois in Fiftieth Convocation with best wishes for continued harmony and prosperity. Gill W. Barnard, Grand Secretary."

Companions, I have one more very pleasing duty to perform, and that is the introduction of one of our Grand Chaplains, Rev. R. Perry Bush, who has written a Centennial Poem, which he will now read:

RESPONSE BY REV. R. PERRY BUSH.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest: — I certainly feel the honor of being invited to appear before you and participate in this celebration. I feel also that your Committee has dignified my production by calling it the "Centennial Poem."

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

Hail, ye Companions! as Royal Arch Masons,
Your tributes of love and of fellowship bring;
While the Grand Chapter's story,
Its age and its glory,
In gladdest of songs, we together will sing.

None may with surety give definite answer
To him who should ask how our Order began,
Save that since the first dawning
Of life's gladsome morning,
Our God hath desired the upbuilding of man.

Go in your searching to barbarous nations;
Make study as well of each separate age:
For in earnest devotion,
On land and on ocean,
Before the Most High bends the savage and sage.

Watch in its progress from primitive station,
The steady ascent of our great human race.
Of the idols once cherished,
Full many have perished,
But altars more grand have now taken their place.

Fairest and purest, the altar of Jesus,
Uplifted by those who have met in His Name,
And the next in true beauty
And promptings to duty,
I feel we have right as Freemasons to claim.

Ancient and worthy, the Order we cherish :
A lamp to our path and a light to our feet.
For the dark world it brightens,
The mind it enlightens,
And nobler are we when as Masons we meet.

Turn to the past and you soon will discover,
The *builders* are they, with their genius and art,
Who by God were selected,
And duly elected,
In drama of progress to play the chief part.

Long do we linger in mute admiration,
Before the great temples they reared by their skill;
While a deeper inspection
Reveals their election,
A mission more grand for us all to fulfil.

He who with justice looks back to those ages
When op'rative tasks in due season gave way
To the mighty uprearing
Of man as God-fearing,
To Masons of old a proud tribute will pay.

They were forerunners of those who at present
Would build to its best all the nature of man,
In whose efforts untiring,
Is found the inspiring
In virtue to rise to the noblest we can.

Firm in tradition of Tyrian faithful
We lay at the first a foundation most strong;
And by lessons revealing
God's ways and His dealing,
The learner is led by the Chapter along.

Mark how the token of good work appeareth!
How wages are paid by the Overseer wise!
How the stone once rejected
At length was selected,
The head-stone to be e'er the Temple could rise.

Think of the honor of being exalted
As Master and King, and as coming to see
That the man thus selected
Is also elected
A king in his thoughts and his action to be.

Then when the Temple of Life is completed,
We come with our thanks to the Father of all!
And *ourselves* consecrating,
Our zeal unabating,
We ask from on High that a blessing may fall.

Rough roads may wait us, and veils interposing
May serve for a time all our progress to stay;
But if *I AM* hath sent us,
New courage is lent us,
To press ever on in the glorified way.

Thus doth the Chapter lend aid to true manhood:
And thus through the ages its work has been wrought;
And the help it is giving
To best thought and living
Doth prove that its power from high heaven is caught.

Over its working the Grand Bodies govern,
And standing to-day with its full hundred years,
As we always shall find her,
The rest far behind her,
In strength and in grace Massachusetts appears.

Guided by leaders far-famed as Freemasons,
We claim as our right to be placed at the head;
And the men now presiding
Deserve our confiding,
And where they direct we are willingly led.

Ever may Fortune lend favor unmeasured
To rest on Companions wherever dispersed,
And through ages unending,
Our help to earth lending,
Of what we have done be the story rehearsed.

God bless our efforts, and bless our Grand Chapters!
God bless one and all who shall enter our door!
And as onward we're pressing,
New glories possessing,
Grand work may we do for mankind evermore!

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS. "We praise Thee, O God!"
Howard M. Dow.

CHOIR.

SOLOS BY COMPANIONS LESTER M. BARTLETT AND JOSEPH L. WHITE.

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

Companions: — Before closing, I want to state that this is only the first part of our exercises of celebration; the remaining part will be celebrated in a banquet. The invited guests will assemble on the fourth floor, room 403, at 6.15 o'clock.

Members of the Grand Chapter and Companions will meet in Ionic Hall, at the same hour, so that we can all march to the banquet hall together.

The time between now and then you may occupy yourselves to suit your pleasure. The whole Temple is open for your inspection.

The closing prayer will now be offered by Companion Rev. R. Perry Bush, Grand Chaplain.

PRAYER BY REV. R. PERRY BUSH.

Almighty and Eternal God, we would begin and we would close every experience of life with thought of Thee. Thanks be to Thy Holy Name for the gift that has been upon us of Thy blessing. Praise be to Thee for the past, for all its noble leaders, for that measure of prosperity that has been over the Fraternity. Thanks be to Thee for to-day, with its bright promises, for those who guard and guide us on our way. Ever may the principles we cherish inspire us to such life that we may bring prosperity to the days that are to come. Go with us. Go with us, and with every Companion whereso'er he be, and may Thy blessing make us true men, that we may be true Masons. Amen.

"So mote it be."

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

I declare this Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts closed in Ample Form.

Until 6.15 P. M., the members joined in informal greetings and conversation, after which they formed in line, and marched to the banquet hall.

. . Menu . .

Cotuits in Shell.

Consomme en Tasse. Purée Squab, St. Hubert.

Olives. Celery.

Turban Halibut, Royale. Potato Hollandaise.

Supreme Chicken, Moderne. Small Vol au Vent Sweetbread, Toulouse.

Roast Saddle Mutton, Currant Jelly.

Stuffed Artichoke Bottom, sur Canape. Cauliflower au Gratin.

Salted Nuts.

Frozen Tom and Jerry. Cigarettes.

Larded Quails au Cressons.

Fried Hominy. Potato Julienne.

Apple and Celery Salad.

Compote of Apricot à la Condé. Assorted Plain and Fancy Cake.

Cherry Tartlets.

Pudding Diplomat. Opera Naples.

Small Fancy Ices.

Waferettes. Camembert. Roquefort.

Oranges. Pears. Malaga Grapes.

Coffee.

FACSIMILE OF CENTENNIAL MEDAL

BANQUET.

MUSIC. March, "Hands across the Sea," *Sousa.*

Companions: — As we resume the exercises of our celebration this evening, I wish to again extend to all a cordial welcome and to thank you for your attendance and co-operation in our efforts to fittingly observe this important event in our history. Our gathering to-day means more than the ordinary Convocation of the Grand Chapter. It means our belief in the Rite, our gratitude for what it has accomplished and our faith in its future. The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts has stood the test of a hundred years and with bright prospects enters a new century. The same faith in the principles on which it is founded and the same earnestness of purpose that has governed in the past will make her fame still brighter in the centuries to come.

I am exceedingly gratified by the expressions of interest that have come to us from many who are unable to be here, and it is a very pleasant thought to me that we are to-day remembered by Royal Arch Masons throughout the length of our country, and that we have their kindly interest and best wishes for the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in Massachusetts.

I will now introduce the Toastmaster of the evening, who will direct the remaining ceremonies of our celebration. I know that his genial manner and pleasant introductions will make it an easy matter for you to respond to his toasts. I present to you M.·. E.·. Companion J. Albert Blake.

THE TOASTMASTER, JOHN ALBERT BLAKE:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions: — In assuming the duties of Toastmaster, I fully realize the responsibilities of the position, and might well wish that your mandate had fallen elsewhere. At the same time I am not insensible of the honor conferred. This Centennial Celebration finds our Grand Chapter in a prosperous and harmonious condition, and we are fully justified in improving the hour by giving free expression to the happy emotions that must naturally possess the hearts of all. We should feel thankful that it occurs in our day

and generation, and we will hope that every one will enter into the spirit of the occasion and make it so enjoyable that it will forever remain indelibly fixed in our Masonic memories.

The responses to the toasts will follow the courses, and from the well-known talent and brilliancy of the Companions we are to listen to, we can safely indulge the hope that as the evening wanes, we shall reach a most desirable condition of both mental and physical enjoyment.

Companions, I invite your attention to the first regular toast — The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America. Born in our home, fostered by our predecessors, and joined to us by the tenderest associations, we offer her our hearty allegiance and earnest wishes for the continuance of her glorious career.

Companions, the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest received an invitation to respond to this toast, but other engagements prevented his acceptance. We have, however, his letter of acknowledgment and regrets, which I am sure you will listen to with pleasure :

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
OFFICE OF GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
TOLEDO, O., September 18, 1899.

WARREN B. ELLIS, *Grand High Priest,*

Dear Sir : — Your very kind invitation read. The Grand Lodge of Ohio convenes at Toledo at our invitation for committee work on October 24th, and on the two succeeding days in annual communication. For such a cause you will excuse my absence from the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of your Grand Chapter, the attendance upon which with the successors of those eminent Companions who formed and nutured into mature life the General Grand Chapter promises much of pleasure and of instruction. Convey my kindest regards to the Companions who are so fortunate as to be in attendance.

Truly and fraternally yours,
R. C. LEMMON.

Companions, during the century's existence of the General Grand Chapter, three Massachusetts Companions have been elected to preside over its deliberations, and in the near future we expect to greet another of your number as General Grand High Priest. This Companion has achieved merited distinction and official title in every branch of Freemasonry,

but we hail him to-night as General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter. In the absence of his chief he has kindly consented to respond to the toast, and I present to you M.·. E.·. Companion Arthur G. Pollard, of Lowell.

RESPONSE BY M.·. E.·. ARTHUR G. POLLARD,

GENERAL GRAND KING.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Toastmaster, and Companions: — The unavoidable absence of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter is the cause of a deep regret, which is experienced by every Companion present; but to me it is a source of peculiar disappointment, because it throws upon me a responsibility and a duty which it must be confessed I hesitate to accept, since, under the circumstances, whatever may be said, there will necessarily be lacking that peculiar appropriateness of expression which naturally would come from him, because of his great ability and his exalted station. Nevertheless, I desire to thank you most sincerely in behalf of the General Grand Chapter for the courtesy thus manifested, and I hardly see how I can do so better than to endorse in a general way the sentiment of our honored Companion as expressed in his letter, which has just been read in our hearing.

This is not an occasion when the General Grand Chapter is called upon to refer at length to its own record, but it is an occasion for the expression of most sincere congratulations on the part of the General Grand Body of Capitular Masonry in the United States towards one of the most successful and loyal Grand Chapters in its broad jurisdiction. Permit me therefore, in my representative capacity, to offer the unqualified declaration of the most cordial good will, unchanging friendship and brotherly love of the General Grand Chapter toward the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, on its reaching its Centennial Anniversary, and to this let me add the hope that the passing years may bring to this Grand Chapter continuous and unalloyed prosperity and happiness.

Although I stand here as the medium by which to convey the greetings of the General Grand Body, I cannot forget that this

Grand Chapter whose anniversary we celebrate to-night is in a certain sense my Masonic home, at whose altar I vowed allegiance many years ago. Here I have formed many of the most valued friendships of my life, and here it has always been a pleasure to me to work with congenial Companions in promoting the interests of Capitular Masonry which we all have so much at heart. And on this account I wish at this time to offer to you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, my personal congratulations on this auspicious Centennial Celebration.

This is an occasion of no ordinary interest. The Centennial Celebration of an organizatiou like this, which is guided by philanthropic motives, and made operative in its work by the exercise of the highest moral considerations, not only awakens tender memories but affords much encouragement for earnest labor in future years.

At a moment like this, we naturally think of the contrast between the present condition and surroundings of this Grand Chapter, and the circumstances which attended its beginning. Without presuming to give even the outlines of what might be suggested in an historical sketch, it is interesting to remember that this Grand Chapter has stood as a witness to the growth of the American people from about four millions to a population of upwards of seventy-five millions; it has seen the country expand from thirteen States to forty-five, and during its career the "Infant Republic" of early days has become one of the Great Powers of the world.

Throughout all these wonderful changes which have taken place during this series of years, this Grand Chapter has maintained its position as one of the conservators of a potent influence, which has had its line of work on the moral and spiritual nature of men, and has made them recognize the fact that the greatest of virtues is charity, and that the safest guide of human conduct is the Golden Rule.

In the great progress of civilization which marks the century now drawing to its close, Freemasonry, permeating every avenue of social life, has directed its efforts toward the elevation of morals and toward the promotion of the highest type of citizenship.

The General Grand Chapter has built its tabernacles in nearly every State in the Union, and throughout the length and breadth of the land, Capitular Masonry has erected its altars, whence it has proclaimed its message of the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

Nowhere has the spirit of loyalty been more faithfully exemplified than just here in this Grand Chapter of the old Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and in acknowledgment of which it is my pleasant duty and privilege to express heartily the gratitude of the General Grand Body, which at this moment I have the honor to represent.

In the progress of our work we have had seasons of trial and anxiety in the past, and we cannot expect the future will be wholly exempt from disappointments. But the present is full of promise. Let us then press onward toward the prize of the high calling wherewith we are called, and as we stand beneath the Royal Arch, let us remember that the temple which we are building is not for temporal purposes but for the worship of Him whose promises never fail; whose ways are ways of pleasantness, and whose paths are peace.

MUSIC. Idylle, In Beauty's Bower, *Bendix.*

THE TOASTMASTER:

Companions: — Will you let me propose the second regular toast — The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Glorying in her birthright, proud of her position, a century's achievements have crowned her name with honor. May her past be an earnest of a still brighter future!

The Companion who will respond to this toast needs no introduction here. For three years he ruled and governed this Grand Chapter in a regular and constitutional manner and to the complete satisfaction of us all. Our regret is that we cannot welcome him oftener at our Convocations. Companions, I present P.·. M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest Frederick T. Comee.

RESPONSE BY M.·. E.·. FREDERICK T. COMEE.

Most Excellent, and Companions: — I am under a deep obligation to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest. I feel that possibly a consideration for my own feelings has led him to make this innovation upon the usual custom and method of replying to the toasts which will be proposed to-night — and I thank him for doing so. He evidently has felt as I feel now, and he knows that I shall be in a very much better condition to enjoy the more substantial elements which will be presented to me later if I get through with the few words that I have to utter before those elements are put before me. So, Companions, I express to him my most hearty thanks for permitting me to say the few words that I have to say at this time.

Companions, it is certainly a pleasure for us to be here and to feel that by our presence we are assisting to make this Centennial Celebration worthy of the reputation of this Grand Chapter, and of the intelligence and devotion which have united and held together the forces that have made this celebration possible, and have been so large a factor in promoting the interests of Capitular Masonry in this country.

In the exercises of the afternoon we were led to review the work done by our predecessors. Companions, when we consider the birth of this Grand Chapter, its growth and its importance, we are amazed at the success of the Companions who met one hundred years ago, and so well and truly laid the foundations of this institution; and to-day, recognizing their wisdom, admiring their devotion and honoring their success, we gather inspiration from their example, and are led to devote ourselves to the purposes for which the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States, which was the predecessor of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, was formed — "to establish order and uniformity, to promote love and charity among Masons, and to render more general and expansive the principles of benevolence and philanthropy."

Truly a noble object, and worthy our utmost endeavors; upon which we would reverently ask the blessing of our Divine Grand High Priest, and His help to assist us in embodying in our daily lives the principles of our institution, that we may

transmit to our successors the affairs of this Grand Chapter with record as pure, with robes as spotless, and with crown as bright as when they came to us!

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, honored and respected wherever Capitular Masonry exists, has imbibed its honorable character, its sterling integrity, its unfaltering devotion to the principles and interests of Royal Arch Masonry, from the Companions who formed and those who through sunshine and storm have supported it until it is as firmly established as the storm-beaten coast and rock-ribbed hills of the territory over which it presides.

The welfare of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction has been carefully guarded, until to-day this Grand Chapter ranks second to no other in the exemplification of the tenets of Royal Arch Masonry, and in influence for the good of the Craft. And, Companions, if we and our successors give to it care and attention equal to that it has received in the past, — if the knowledge gained from one hundred years' experience and the advantages and opportunities of to-day are earnestly and honestly placed upon her altars, they will lead to the full realization of the beneficent teachings so beautifully expressed in the Ritual of Royal Arch Masonry, and the result of the past century, glorious and honorable as it is, will pale before the result that will be shown to the Companions who assemble to celebrate our second Centennial, whose portals we have so recently passed.

The history of the past century, Companions, is written. Its joys and sorrows, its trials and victories end in the crowning glory of the present day. I am reminded of an incident in the recent presentation of a loving cup by the great city of New York to Admiral Dewey in honor of his great victory in Manila Bay. After the formal ceremonies of the occasion, Admiral Dewey called to him the captains of the vessels of his fleet, and, pointing to them, said, "These are the men who did it, and these are the men who deserve the thanks."

So, Companions, I would say to you, representing the noble band of Companions who have passed within the white veil of the Celestial Chapter, and the equally noble Companions who are now bearing the burden and heat of the day, "These are

the men who did it, and these are the men who deserve the credit."

Companions, may the fire upon our altar never grow dim. May we and those who follow us, like those who have gone before, find it a lamp unto our feet, and a light to our path, a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, guiding to the full fruition of the blessed hope of life devoted to the principles upon which rests the institution represented by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

MUSIC. Gondellied, *Gruenwald.*

THE TOASTMASTER:

Companions: — I invite your attention to the third regular toast — The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; the eldest of our sister Jurisdictions; Progressive, Conservative, Steadfast.

The loyalty of the Freemasons of the Commonwealth has never been questioned — faithful to their obligations, and responsive to every requirement of the Grand Lodge.

Among the many able brethren who have presided over the deliberations of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, none has filled the Oriental Chair with more eminent satisfaction than the present Most Worshipful Grand Master — a Mason who commands the respect and admiration of the brethren throughout the entire Jurisdiction. He is present to-night to unite with us in these festivities, and has kindly consented to respond to the toast. I present the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Companion Charles Carroll Hutchinson, of Lowell.

RESPONSE BY
M. W. CHARLES CARROLL HUTCHINSON.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Toastmaster, and Companions: — I thank you most sincerely for your cordial greetings, and for the sentiment they convey; and the more so, because I recognize in them that, whatever your fame as Capitular Masons, you have not forgotten that Symbolic Masonry is the foundation of it all.

The relations of comity and friendship between the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge, which have ever been intimate and unbroken, prompt me to bring to you, on this occasion, the congratulations and best wishes of the whole Fraternity. It is the custom of nations to celebrate important eras in their history. Municipalities and communities set apart days in commemoration of events and achievements which mark their progress. Aged parents assemble around them their children and their children's children, and spend in rejoicing and festivities the anniversary of the day which gave them birth.

So, Most Excellent Sir, as you receive and welcome here the true descendants of 1798, the Grand Lodge is pleased to stand sponsor for them, and commend them to you as being of your own brethren and kin.

Sincere friendship and the enjoyment of social pleasures are beautiful flowers in the pathway of human life. It is a characteristic of our institution that we unite so many men in the bonds of friendship and fellowship; and happy is he who can find refreshment in a congenial, unrestrained circle like this, and pluck the flowers which bloom so fragrantly here.

It is not claimed that social pleasures constitute the grand aim and object of our Fraternity; nor was it ever intended they should. They are, as I have said, only the flowers that bloom along the borders of our Masonic life. They are not the wages promised to the faithful Mason. The true Craftsman looks for and finds these in something higher and more enduring; in the consciousness of having well and faithfully discharged all the duties he owes to God, his neighbor, his country and himself; in the light of the Truth and Wisdom which Masonry offers; in the respect, regard and gratitude of all who come within his acquaintance or influence, and in that inward satisfaction and peace of mind,

> "Which nothing earthly gives or can destroy,
> The soul's calm sunshine and the heartfelt joy."

It is not necessary to speak in this presence of the peculiar manner in which the ethics of Masonry are taught. You realize that they are taught in plain language, and rendered impressive and memorable by the significant symbols in which they are presented. They who are outside the Order cannot dis-

cern, and many who are inside fail to discover, the true intent and import of our jewels and emblems. They are not ornaments to be worn to attract the eye of the curious, nor to ornament the person of the wearer, but visible, tangible exponents of grave truths and important duties. As the common gavel admonishes us to divest our hearts and consciences of vice, so the mallet teaches us to be content in the school of discipline. As the plumb, square and level admonish us to walk uprightly, to be true and just and honorable in all our dealings, so the capstone teaches us that fidelity, skill and virtue are indispensable qualities in an honorable, manly life. As the trying scenes on Mount Moriah admonish us of the uncertainty of human life, and point to immortality, so the august and sublime ceremonies in commemoration of the reconstruction of the Temple remind us of the attributes of the Supreme Architect, who is without beginning of days or end of years.

Our institution, as you have said, Companion Toastmaster, is conservative, progressive, steadfast. It is what it was in the beginning, and must continue to be so. It is a system of principles and cannot change, for principles are immutable. You may reform Masons, but you cannot reform Masonry.

And so, Most Excellent Sir and Companions, this Grand Chapter has stood here for one hundred years as a great conservator of a great institution, guarding its interests, promoting its welfare, dispensing its benefactions. Amid all its diversities, amid all its trials, and amid all its prosperity, there has stood at its side, shoulder to shoulder with it, another great conservator, the Grand Lodge. From the days of Henry Price, in 1733, it has been the exponent and representative, *par excellence*, of Symbolic Masonry. It has stood firm, immovable, amid trials as well as prosperity. Around its pillars the ivy of antiquity already puts forth its leaves and tendrils. Its light and influence have been felt on every high hill and in every low vale in this vast Republic; in regions where the Southern Cross looks down from the heavens, among the golden mountains and shores of California, and within the ice-bound coasts of northern lands. We do not boast, but our faith is strong that it will never depart from the ancient landmarks. And hence it is, Most Excellent Sir, that I bring to you the congrat-

ulations of the Grand Lodge on this occasion. And I rejoice with you, my brethren and Companions, in an institution which has come down to us unscathed, untarnished, upheld by the silent, spontaneous, irresistible tendencies of heart and intellect, and which will live till man ceases to exercise his social faculties, cultivate and enjoy the finer feelings and admire the symbols and illustrations of his better nature.

MUSIC. Waltz, Angel's Dream, *Herman.*

THE TOASTMASTER:

Companions: — Will you give your attention to the fourth regular toast — The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts. In the Capitular Rite is found the summit of ancient Craft Masonry; in the Cryptic Rite the perfection of the Royal Arch.

Companions: — We are honored to-night by the presence of the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, a Companion whose unfailing devotion to and love for Cryptic Masonry have been the distinctive features of his Masonic life; and it is with great pleasure that I introduce to you Most Illustrious Companion Samuel G. Lyman, of Boston, who will respond to this toast.

RESPONSE BY
M. ILL. COMPANION SAMUEL G. LYMAN.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Toastmaster, and Companions: — It gives me great pleasure, I assure you, to be here and to join in the exercises of this occasion. I cannot claim to be unfortunate because I did not know that I was to be called upon to address you; but, representing, as I do, a branch of Masonry where the Degrees are not obligatory, I have, for the past few minutes, been trying to content myself with the thought that I should not be obliged to make any lengthy remarks; not but that I feel proud of the body I represent, but because it is always a greater pleasure to me to listen to others than to talk myself. Not being gifted by nature in speech-making, I very much regret my inability to properly

respond to the sentiment assigned to me — the Cryptic Rite, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

Nevertheless, I never want to let a good opportunity pass without saying something for our Grand Council. But, Companions, I will not venture to intrude upon you any lengthy statistics touching the magnitude of our Order or its past history. It may, however, be interesting to the Companions present to know something of the wonderful success which has attended our Grand Council in the past, which, by the way, has not been the result of chance, or a lucky chain of circumstances, but rather the natural outgrowth of an enthusiasm born of an unswerving confidence in its possibilities and loyalty to its principles.

The Grand Council of Massachusetts has much to be proud of. It has made great progress during the past few years, not only numerically but in many other ways. We are proud of the fact that we have more Council Masons in Massachusetts than in any other State in the Union. We also point with pride to the fact that we have, right here in Massachusetts, two of the largest Councils in the world. Our membership is composed of over seven thousand enthusiastic Companions, and surely they have not applied for the Degrees because they were obliged to. It is fair to assume that it was because of their love for Masonry; because they were anxious to add to their Masonic knowledge; because they were confident that their Masonic education was not complete without them.

It has been truthfully said this evening, that "in the Capitular Rite is found the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry; in the Cryptic Rite, the perfection of the Royal Arch." It is also true that these two branches of Masonry have always been closely allied.

That the most cordial relations have always existed between the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and the Grand Council has been demonstrated in the fact that four of your Grand High Priests have filled the position of Grand Master of our Grand Council, and I sincerely hope that the same intimate relations may continue in the future.

The Grand Council congratulates the Grand Chapter upon its one hundredth birthday, and we trust that the same success

that has attended your efforts in the past will continue for all time, and that you may experience each year increasing prosperity and happiness. And now, without taking any further time, I want to thank you for the courtesies you have extended to us, and to say that I shall always retain many pleasant memories of this occasion.

MUSIC. Morceau, The Dawn of Love, *Theodor.*

THE TOASTMASTER:

Companions: — Will you give your attention to the fifth regular toast — The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Degree was introduced into this country by Royal Arch Masons and first worked in the Royal Arch Lodge of Boston in 1769. From this beginning has resulted the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Companions, the R.·. E.·. Grand Commander George F. Shepley, of Providence, R. I., was invited to respond to this toast, but other engagements have prevented his acceptance, and I will ask your attention while I read his letter of acknowledgment and regret.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., September 12, 1899.

E.·. COMPANION J. GILMAN WAITE, *Grand Secretary*,
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts,
28 School Street, Boston, Mass.,

Dear and Eminent Sir Knight: — It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of the fraternal greeting of your venerable body and note the invitation to attend the celebration of its Centennial Anniversary to be held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, October 24, 1899, and it is with deep regret that I am obliged to decline same, as my plans long since made will detain me from the Jurisdiction beyond the above date. Otherwise, it would give me great pleasure to be in attendance.

With best wishes for the success of the celebration, believe me to be

Yours courteously and fraternally,

GEORGE F. SHEPLEY,
Grand Commander.

Companions, I will say to you that while you cannot listen to a response to the toast of The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, by the Right Eminent Grand

Commander, yet I have a treat for you, if you will give your attention to the next speaker. We have with us to-night a Companion Royal Arch Mason who formerly was very active in this Grand Chapter, but whose time, in later years, has been so much taken up with other matters that he has not been with us as much as we could wish. I introduce to you now a Companion who is at liberty to follow any thought that may occur to him, and I know that you will gladly listen to any expressions that may come from his heart and lips. I now present to you the Reverend Companion A. St. John Chambré, of Lowell.

RESPONSE BY REVEREND COMPANION A. ST. JOHN CHAMBRÉ.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:—It gives me the greatest possible pleasure to meet you this evening. My only regret is that I am placed here to fill a vacancy that I cannot fill; and I suppose that I am expected to speak to you only in order that the time may be occupied during which other refreshments are to be presented. Fortunately, I am not confined to the toast. I am not fitted to respond for Templar Masonry, although I rejoice in being a Knight Templar.

Capitular Masonry has received my attention for the most part of about a third of the century which we have been celebrating here to-night. During one-third of that century I have been more or less intimately identified with the Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

I was somewhat surprised, somewhat taken aback, this evening, by a Companion placing his hand on my shoulder, and, when I turned to look into his face, being greeted with the words, "Thirty years ago this year you made me a Royal Arch Mason." Not having followed his course, I am not able to say whether I did a good work or whether I did not. I am not quite sure whether he was one of the fallen angels this evening.

I had the honor — and I consider it a very great honor — to preside over, for a series of years, one of the three Illustrious Chapters that sustained the Grand Royal Arch Chapter during the Babylonian Captivity. Very often, Companions, during

those years, I listened to the stories of the old men who passed through the darkness of those days. In these modern days our hearts are thrilled again and again by the magnificent courage displayed by our soldiers and our sailors. Some of their achievements almost, if not completely, rival that magnificent charge at Balaklava, when the representatives of our sister nation, Great Britain, made that magnificent charge:

> "When cannon to right of them,
> Cannon to left of them,
> Cannon in front of them
> Volleyed and thundered."

But, from what I know, having heard from the lips of these men the stories of those days, I am satisfied that it does not require the same courage to face the cannon's mouth, or the charge of heavy dragoons, that it required to face the opposition, often quiet but persistent, that faced men in those days. But by their courage, by their magnificent patience, they overcame all opposition, all their enemies, and we have the results of their patience and their faithfulness to-day; and I am quite sure that, having passed through all the ordeals of one hundred years, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts may be reasonably expected, with the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, to live not only to celebrate another centennial, but very many, because, though "Men may come, and men may go," I believe that the principles that are enshrined in Royal Arch Masonry will go on forever and forever.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts has passed through the wilderness and has met and overcome its manifold years of opposition; and now I do no tsay that it is upon the borders of the Promised Land — it has entered *into* the Promised Land; and there remains for it only to take possession and to rule and guide and erect and bless in the years that are to come.

MUSIC. March, Capt. Dreyfus, *Ramsdell.*

THE TOASTMASTER:

Companions: — I will give you the sixth regular toast — Our Sister Jurisdictions. We gladly receive their representatives here

to-night, considering it of such moment that we have selected one of our brightest Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests to deliver to them an address of welcome, and I now present to you P.·. M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest Albert C. Smith, of Boston.

RESPONSE BY M.·. E.·. ALBERT C. SMITH.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Toastmaster, and Companions : — I fully realize that I stand in the presence of eminent Royal Arch Masons from all sections of our broad land, Companions who in their respective jurisdictions have rendered herculean service to advance and upbuild the cause of the Royal Craft.

No language of mine can be more eloquent than their presence, no words can add to their reputation, or increase the esteem in which they are held wherever their name and record are known.

To all these representatives of our sister Grand Chapters I extend the heartfelt, sincere greetings of our ancient Grand Body — to welcome these distinguished guests at any time would be an honor, and on this memorable occasion it is a privilege that I esteem most highly.

This is a grand assemblage of a grand people on a grand occasion, and within the walls of a grand temple, and to one and all who from far and near have gathered in response to our fraternal welcome, I proffer the salutations of this venerable Grand Chapter.

Our Grand High Priest, in words of eloquence and deep import, has unfolded the story of the long record of one hundred years. It is a recital in which every true Companion from all portions of our broad land has a deep, abiding interest; and standing here to-night with the memories of the past pressing upon us thick and fast, in imagination we revert to the days when the founders of this Grand Chapter laid the basis of a structure that has faithfully withstood all the storm and tempest, and to-day has a reputation honored and respected throughout the entire universe.

Companions of our sister Grand Chapters, may a kind Providence ever be with you in the work you are doing so effec-

tively and so well. Rest assured we shall watch your future career with the consciousness that its course will ever be onward, and in leaving the old Bay State may you realize that your courage has received fresh impulse, that your zeal has been quickened, your loyalty to the Craft has become, if possible, even firmer than of old, and may you carry to your homes and your Chapters pleasant memories that will end only with the extinguishment of life itself.

THE TOASTMASTER:

I am now about to introduce to you our invited guests from our sister Jurisdictions, and I ask for them the consideration which the Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts are bound to give.

I will introduce to you a representative of the State of Maine, R.·. E.·. Companion Frederick W. Plaisted, Deputy Grand High Priest from the State of Maine.

RESPONSE BY
R.·. E.·. FREDERICK W. PLAISTED.

Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts: — I am glad that it is my privilege to be here with you to-night, and to convey to you the cordial greetings and hearty good will from your only daughter, eighty years old to-day, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, which I have the honor to represent in the absence of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Eighty years ago nearly, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts gave birth to her only child. Throughout those eighty years we have looked up to and reverenced the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts; to you we come, Companions, for inspiration, even to the sanctuary itself. I can almost feel the drippings of it.

You builded well in Maine; you gave us four Royal Arch Chapters before we left your nursery; and in those Royal Arch Chapters were men whom the citizens of Maine delight to honor, men who have made names for themselves in the State, and some of them in the nation. Those four Chapters have,

in the eighty years that have passed, grown to number fifty-eight. The one hundred Companions of those days, eighty years ago, have increased to six thousand. Six thousand Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter of Maine send you greetings to-day!

Not alone in the illustrious dead are we rich; we are rich in the representatives of the living present. We have brought here from the Grand Chapter of Maine a man whose name is known wherever Masonry is established, and that is the wide world over. We honor and we love in Maine, and I know from your applause that you do here in Massachusetts, M. E. Past General Grand High Priest Josiah H. Drummond. May the years rest lightly on his shoulders, and may his life be long, to be with us and enjoy the happiness which he has earned.

You are one hundred years old to-day, you say, and you are here to celebrate your anniversary. But, Companions, that is only a day in Masonry. A hundred years? Why, the principles of Masonry have been whispered down through the centuries. Freemasonry is old. The long years have guided it on. What Time has tested and sifted, and given to men is to be trusted. Why, old Father Time has gazed with rapture upon the fair face and form divine of her who lived centuries before our fathers' fathers, and who awakens blessed memories as we see her, refreshed by sweet repose, walking majestically forward, and smiling on us, her sons. But it was even then, in ages long forgotten, that the mind of men looked into the uncut diamond, rude and unpolished, which was waiting only to receive the first stroke of the Mason's chisel, that should reveal its hidden beauties and lustre, and cause it to throw forth that light to the sum of human knowledge, duty to God and man. To my mind, the essence of Masonry is to be found in the expression of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. With the recognition of those principles came new life and increased intelligence, and a desire for companionship; and it was then that Freemasonry was born, and the world was made better for its existence. Founded, as it was, for noble and glorious purposes, maintained with unfaltering devotion, Freemasonry has carried on its work for the elevation of mankind through years unnumbered. It has maintained its hold on the hearts of men

because it has always inculcated the great cardinal virtues, Truth, Brotherly Love, and Charity and Unity, and has demanded of its initiates a declaration of belief in the Supreme Being. It is Freemasonry which, as you were so eloquently told this afternoon, breaks down the barriers between religious beliefs, political affiliations and business associations, and makes friends and neighbors of men who might otherwise have remained strangers, if it were not that they were able to meet on this common ground upon which we all meet and learn how much good there is in one another.

Then, again, in my visits to the Chapters throughout the State of Maine I have found this — that wherever there is a flourishing, vigorous Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, there I find a happy, flourishing, prosperous community. I say to you that they are doing their part in promoting the prosperity of the people in these little towns where they exist. Their interests are identical; they are dependent one on the other, growing strong one with another, and we find in those Chapters the faithful mirror in which are reflected the homes and lives of the people.

Now, Most Excellent Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, I say to you that I hope that every ship that sails throughout the hundred harbors of the rock-bound coast of Maine may bring to you, in the next one hundred years, fraternal Companions from the Pine Tree State, and that every breeze that blows from the Northland may be tempered by the warmth of the fraternal feelings of the Companions of the sister Jurisdiction.

THE TOASTMASTER:

If you will allow me, I will now introduce to you M.·. E.·. Companion Arthur H. Armington, of Rhode Island.

RESPONSE BY M.·. E.·. ARTHUR H. ARMINGTON.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Toastmaster, and Companions: — I consider myself fortunate to-night in this opportunity to bring to you the fraternal greetings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island, a Jurisdiction

which has always been closely allied to yours, not only as being one of your nearest neighbors, but as being in Templar Masonry a Jurisdiction which is united in fact, as well as contiguous in geography to your own. This circumstance has caused peculiar and intimate friendships between the Masons of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and has without doubt contributed in large measure to the peculiarly friendly relations of the two Grand Chapters. The Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, the oldest of the State Grand Chapters which have, without subordination to a Grand Lodge, maintained an unbroken existence, and the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, her junior by a single day, have passed a century of uninterrupted harmony.

I also count myself fortunate to be permitted to participate in these festivities for a personal reason, because I am a native of your State, and whenever I come across the borders of Massachusetts I feel that I am coming home. Although all of my adult life has been spent as a resident of Rhode Island, I can never think without a thrill of love and veneration of the old Bay State, where I passed my childhood days and where my ancestors, since the *Mayflower* landed her precious freight on the shore of Plymouth Bay, have helped to build the civil structure and develop the material resources of this Commonwealth.

Companions, the century which covers the life of your Grand Chapter is a period rich with fruitage. In all that time your Masonic bodies have not ceased to teach the grand lessons of Masonry, and their members, true to their duty to God and their neighbor and themselves, have performed no small part in spreading its influence throughout our country and the world. Who can measure the results that have already flowed from the life of this Grand Chapter, and to-day as we are reminded of the fifteen thousand Royal Arch Masons owing her allegiance, scattered through the length and breadth of our land, taught as they are by our honorable institution lessons of faith and hope and love, who can predict the results that are to be attained in the future? We are taught, as Masons, that upon us rest obligations, not only to ourselves and to our Companions in the Craft, but also to every man who is created by the

same God who brought us into being. Not only we, but the whole world may and ought to receive benefit because we have knelt at the altar of Masonry.

"Upon this rock we'll stand while worlds
To oblivion all shall tend;
Each brother to each other true,
To all mankind a friend."

THE TOASTMASTER:

I now present to you the representative of a sister Jurisdiction, but not one of our Grand Chapters. I wish to present to you the Past Grand High Priest of Nova Scotia, M.·. E.·. Companion S. R. Sircom.

RESPONSE BY M.·. E.·. S. R. SIRCOM.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest: — I will say only a few words to you to-night in reference to the young Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. It is true that I am not a Nova Scotian myself, but I have lived there for twenty-one years, and I know the material of which the members of that body are composed. Looking back over a period of thirty years, I recall the Convention that met on October 14, 1869. At that meeting the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was formed. That Grand Chapter was formed of a minimum of a Free Chapter, three Chapters, the oldest of which was established by the Grand Chapter of England in 1780, and its records are complete to 1896.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was composed of one Chapter from the Grand Chapter of England, one Chapter from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and one Chapter from the Grand Chapter of Canada. And the number of members which composed that Convention that finally created the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was one hundred and forty-three Royal Arch Masons only. In the period of a little over thirty years the number has grown so that there are now fourteen Chapters, with a membership of seven hundred and fifty-three. And although the Province is small — not so large in point of population as many of your moderate sized cities in the United States — the Companions composing the Chapters

in Nova Scotia are men of spirit and determination, who do not know what the meaning of the word "defeat" is!

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on behalf of myself, and on behalf of the Companions of Nova Scotia, I thank you for the hearty recognition that you have accorded me this evening. May the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts continue in prosperity. And to yourself, Most Excellent, I wish long life and happiness.

MUSIC. Potpourri of Familiar Songs, *Beyer.*

THE TOASTMASTER:

Companions: — I ask your consideration while I present to you the Grand High Priest of the State of New Hampshire, M.·. E.·. Companion Charles H. Webster.

RESPONSE BY M.·. E.·. CHARLES H. WEBSTER.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Toastmaster, and Companions: — I thank you, sir, for the kind invitation to be with you and enjoy the exercises this afternoon and this evening. The Grand Chapter which I represent cannot claim to be old, it cannot claim large numbers; but we are loyal to the principles of Royal Arch Masonry. I will say but very few words. I will offer the congratulations of about four thousand Royal Arch Masons in the State of New Hampshire upon your glorious past, your bright present, and wish for you a happy and brilliant future.

THE TOASTMASTER:

Companions, I now present to you the Grand High Priest of the State of Delaware, M.·. E.·. Harry Galbraith.

RESPONSE BY M.·. E.·. HARRY GALBRAITH.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and Companions: — As the representative of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, permit me to express my pleasure for the privilege of being present with you and participating in these festivities in honor of the Centennial

Anniversary of your birth as a Grand Chapter. We hope that the success that has attended your efforts in the past, and made you a great power in the Capitular world, will still attend your future efforts, and that, when the curtain is drawn over the work of another century, those who may, through divine dispensations, be gathered around the banquet board to celebrate that interesting event may, in looking back over the centuries' labors, say of the faithful ones who led the blind by ways that they knew not, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

Mr. Toastmaster, you must pardon me, for I have already gone beyond my limits as a speaker; but before closing, permit me to again thank you for the privilege of enjoying your hospitality and to express the good will of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

THE TOASTMASTER:

I now present to you the Deputy Grand High Priest of the State of New Jersey, R.·. E.·. George C. Woolson.

RESPONSE BY R.·. E.·. GEORGE C. WOOLSON.

Most Excellent Grand Master, Most Excellent Toastmaster, and Companions: — The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey extends to you cordial and fraternal greetings. Though ours is one of the smallest membership Jurisdictions in the United States, yet the Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey, as well as all the Masons within her borders, are loyal to the first principle of Masonry — charity — upon which Masonry in all its stages is founded.

We have with us in our Jurisdiction thirty-eight Chapters in all, and about seventeen hundred members, the largest Chapter numbering something like four hundred. This does not compare very favorably with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the home of my birth.

I am glad to be with you this evening, and to enjoy your hospitality and also the exercises, which I have listened to with so much attention in the hall above. It has been to me an extremely pleasant occasion, and I extend to you the cordial greetings of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

THE TOASTMASTER:

Companions:—The only daughter of a house has many privileges. The daughter of this Grand Chapter, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maine, therefore, has the right to be represented by more than one speaker. We have listened with pleasure to the remarks of the Deputy Grand High Priest, and I am now about to introduce to you a Past Grand High Priest—one who, if this celebration had occurred on the one hundredth anniversary proper, would have been here to represent the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine as her Most Excellent Grand High Priest. We feel that he should have all that was coming to him, and I now have the honor of presenting to you Past M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest Albro E. Chase, of the State of Maine.

RESPONSE BY PAST M.·. E.·. GRAND HIGH PRIEST ALBRO E. CHASE.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Toastmaster, and Companions:—You have already heard from Maine. She has been ably represented before you in the person of one of the Grand Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine; but I should be faithless to my duty did I not say to you that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine has done her duty as a daughter of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts faithfully and well. I even take it upon myself to say to you that had it not been for Maine, it is a question whether the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Massachusetts would have succeeded. Down in Maine we are somewhat in the position of the good old grandfather who said in regard to his grandson, when he was congratulated upon his success, "Why, he ought to succeed! He has had all I knew, he has had all his father knew, and he has had all his God has given him besides!" And we down in Maine have known all that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts knew, and all that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine could learn besides.

I have the honor, Companions, to represent the fourth Chap-

ter that ever was known to the Jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masonry in Massachusetts.

You have often heard the old simile that man, before he walks, must creep; and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Massachusetts had to creep before it could stand erect and walk; and one of the elements that helped it from the cradle was the Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter of the town of Portland, in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, which was formed in 1805. And from that day until this day, Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter has been one of the strong constituents of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the length and breadth of the United States of America.

Not only that, Companions, but Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter had the honor of furnishing to you one of the Most Excellent Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of the State of Massachusetts — none other than James D. Hopkins. Oh, we down in Maine have got just as much pride as you in Massachusetts have! We often boast that if it had not been for Maine, the greatest and noblest daughter that Massachusetts ever let go from under her jurisdiction, Massachusetts wouldn't have been in it!

For the truth of this boast we not only appeal to you as constituents of the Government of the United States of America, to answer to the plea that we have sent representatives from Maine who have led, and who have been the means of sustaining the Government of the United States of America, but also we point with pride to the fact that some of the noblest of your Governors, and of those who have represented you in the Councils of the National Government, have been men who have had a birthright in the State of Maine.

I think that while you are to congratulate yourselves on the fact that you are the ones who gave birth to Royal Arch Masonry in the State of Maine, we who live there, representing you not only as your daughter in Royal Arch Masonry, but also in political wisdom, still claim to ourselves an exemplification of the fact that the daughter is sometimes even more beautiful and gracious than her mother. We never lower our flag, even in the stormiest trenches. We claim that we stand the equal, if not the superior, of any Masonic body. No, Companions of

Massachusetts! To your only daughter you may give the credit of having honored you in every respect, not only socially and Masonically, but politically!

Permit me to say, in behalf of Maine, that Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter was the fourth Charter which was granted by you; and permit me also to say that three other Chapters in that Grand Jurisdiction received their Charters from your Grand Chapter, and they never have lowered their colors through any trial or tribulation, but have stood as models for Royal Arch Masons throughout this land.

Those of you who are of an inquiring turn of mind may refer to the report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Henry Fowle, when he spoke of the Chapters in Maine. He consecrated Montgomery Chapter at Bath on July 18, 1820, New Jerusalem at Wiscasset, July 19, 1820, and Jerusalem at Hallowell, July 21, 1820. And what does he say about them in that report? It is a matter of record, Companions. He states what was true then, and what is true now, that they had sumptuous dinners, characterized by urbanity and hospitality! Those were the terms which described the distinguishing characteristics of that interesting section of our country in those days. Think of it, Companions! Eighty years ago Maine was distinguished for its sumptuous dinners, for its urbanity and for its hospitality! And not only that, Companions, but allow me to say to you that your representative of that time went up the Kennebec River, and when he came to Hallowell do you wonder that he was surprised? Why, he thought that he had found the New Jerusalem. In his report — and I will ask you to give me your attention, Companions, for this may be the reason why so many of you have been down in Maine since — he says that they had an extremely fine view from the heights overlooking the river; that there was a green bower; that the finest specimens of beauty and fashion filled the seats not appropriated by the Fraternity! How many of you gentlemen have been down there and selected the finest beauties.

And now — not to detain you longer — if you desire to know what progress we make throughout the State of Maine, let me read to you what the Grand High Priest had to say of his trip, when he was accompanied by the Governor and his suite, as he

journeyed from Bath to Hallowell, by way of Wiscasset, along that same river, the Kennebec: "The honor and interests of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of Maine are in most worthy hands and safe keeping, and so long as they continue their protection, example and exertions, no innovations will be permitted, but harmony, prosperity and happiness will attend the Craft in this State."

Our affiliations as a Chapter with the Massachusetts Grand Royal Arch Chapter ceased for no other reason than politics, though we, as Royal Arch Masons, are taught that politics never has anything to do with Masonry. But permit me to say to you, Companions, that it was nothing but politics that ever severed the official relationship that existed between the Royal Arch Masons of Maine and the Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts.

At the Convocation of December 12, 1820, was read a letter under date of November 29, 1820, from Charles Fox, High Priest of Mount Vernon Chapter, concerning the formation of a Grand Chapter in Maine, naming February 7, 1821, as the date. In this letter he says, in conclusion, that this step does not originate from any disquietude to longer remaining under their government, but from its incompatibility with the thirteenth Regulation of the second Article of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, in consequence of the alterations in our political relations.

Yes, Companions, it was politics that separated Maine's Chapters from the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts.

Most Excellent High Priest, in conclusion I can do no better than to end my remarks by quoting the remarks constituting part of the letter announcing the proposed formation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, announcing to you that determination: "For the parent Grand Chapter from which we have emanated we shall always cherish the most lively remembrance. Our best wishes for their prosperity will attend them, and our earnest desire that the long and uninterrupted harmony which has existed may be perpetuated until we shall all at length arrive within the veil where our Supreme High Priest presides."

MUSIC. Mazurka Caracteristique, Cubaino, *Morris.*

THE TOASTMASTER:

I have the pleasure of presenting to you M.·. E.·. Companion William G. Reid, Grand Zed of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

RESPONSE BY M.·. E.·. W. G. REID.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Toastmaster, and Excellent Companions: — On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Canada allow me to thank you for the cordial invitation which has brought me here to-night, and on behalf of myself for the cordial and fraternal reception which I have received at your hands since coming to the grand old historic city of Boston. My Grand Council thought they could not allow this anniversary occasion to pass without being represented at the place where the Royal Craft was first cradled on the coast of British North America.

You will pardon me for departing from the toast to which I am expected to respond — The Grand Chapter of Canada — for I wish to say that I have heard a great deal about Boston, the Hub of Masonry; but after driving over your beautiful city I must say that the half was not told me. Your magnificent Temple, the finest I have ever seen; your Public Library and other educational institutions; your monetary, commercial and manufacturing interests, famous all over the world, I have to-day, through the kindness of my Boston Companions, had the privilege of seeing.

I know very well, Mr. Toastmaster, the speech which you expect me to make, but, if you will pardon me for a few minutes, I will depart from that speech merely to say a few words on the impressions which I have formed, and the most amiable and fraternal acquaintances with which I have been associated since I arrived in this historic old city of Boston. Were it a fact that Royal Arch Masonry, or Capitular Masonry, knew any boundary lines, I would have a good deal of hesitation and timidity about coming here to address what I consider to be the intelligence and the wealth of this magnificent old city — I would have a great deal more anxiety than I have. But when I

reflect that there is no boundary line existing between you and us on the other side of the border, so far as Capitular Masonry is concerned, I feel myself, Mr. Toastmaster, here as one of you. I am in no foreign country; I am among my Companions.

I want to say just one word about the city over the border from which I come. Forty years before it had the semblance of a city, or of a village, there was a cross-road right in the woods, and a little tavern, where Old Burton Lodge met one hundred and five or one hundred and six years ago. Information at that time travelled very slowly. It took six months to bring to Old Burton Lodge the news of which I want to tell you, which was of great importance not only to you, but of great importance to us over on the other side. When that news reached there, when the information arrived of the death of George Washington, six months after the event, it was moved by the Brother Senior Warden, and seconded by the Brother Junior Warden, that the Treasurer be directed to buy ten yards of black ribbon to be worn in remembrance of the death of our Brother, Gen. George Washington! In those times there was something in the news which reached the members of Old Burton Lodge, not over a dozen members all told; there was something in the news, brought there six months after it had been sent from Washington, which touched the hearts of the members of that grand old Craft which is known as Masonry. But I tell you, Companions, that I have seen and read, and we hold in the archives of that old Lodge, that very record the terms of which I am expressing to you now, and if any of you will come to the city of Hamilton, my home, at any time I shall be delighted to turn out those old records, and show you that the things which I say are facts.

Returning to the toast to which I am asked to respond — The Grand Chapter of Canada — let me say, it is developing and progressing at a prodigious rate. Never in its history has Capitular Masonry been so active in our Jurisdiction as now. Its growth has carried it from Quebec to the Pacific Coast, and there is not a village, town or city that has not a Chapter. In all we have one hundred and five Chapters in our Jurisdiction, all loyal and doing good work.

It is easy to see the beneficent influence of our Chapters, and to observe what they are doing for the elevation of man. To my mind the time is not far distant when the institution of Freemasonry will control and regulate the destiny of all civilized nations throughout the world. Its teachings are levelling up and taking off the rough edges of everyday life. Apart from the Church it is doing more than all other institutions in the world to bring about the universality of the brotherhood of man. I will close by quoting a line from an eminent poet:

"The ashes of emperors are mingled with dust,
Ambition has lived but to die;
The sword of the warrior is eaten with rust,
Still Masonry binds with its mystical tie.

"Wrapped in the mantle of ages,
Secure from the touches of Time,
It confounded the wisdom of sages,
With its silence and symbols sublime."

MUSIC. Galop, Xenodochy, *Carter.*

THE TOASTMASTER:

Companions: — Our seventh regular toast is, The Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests. There have been thirty-nine during the past century, of whom seven are living.

I present to you M.·. E.·. Companion J. Gilman Waite.

RESPONSE BY M.·. E.·. J. GILMAN WAITE.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Excellent Toastmaster, and Companions: — To respond to the sentiment you have assigned me, and to do adequate justice to the memory of those worthy Companions who in the past century have been crowned with the highest honor in the gift of this Grand Body, and who, in return, have rendered conspicuous service to the Craft, is indeed no easy task.

During the early part of the century, the records are meagre in all but the bare facts, yet it is apparent that each in his own time, and as he saw his duty, well performed the task set before him. From other than Masonic history we learn of their worth as citizens; that they were men of no ordinary type in their day and generation. Whether the bestowment of this distinc-

tion fell upon the divine, the artisan, the jurist, or the man of business affairs, history everywhere depicts their virtues in glowing terms. Imbued with the love of the institution to which they gave of their time and best thought, endowed with rare gifts of foresight and possessed of great force of character, they laid the foundations deep and strong upon which to build a superstructure which should adorn all their undertakings.

We would not be recreant to-day and fail in recognition of the service they have rendered us, and those who in turn are to follow in our footsteps.

In the second quarter of the century we this day commemorate, the scenes enacted called forth qualities which testified beyond the possibility of a doubt to the great love and devotion they cherished for the institution. With fervency and zeal they wrought on, never losing faith in the ultimate triumph of their cause, even though many of their Companions had fallen out by the wayside, and abandoned it temporarily.

Soon an era of better feeling asserted itself, and the Craft felt a new impulse of life. Dormant Chapters revived, and the working-tools of the Craft were once more displayed. The sound of the gavel gave to the faithful of the Craft hope of the brighter day that was dawning.

We would not make invidious distinctions at this time. Each in his own good time, and in his own way, performed well his appointed task. All honor, then, to those brave and noble souls who left to us the heritage it is our first duty and last care to preserve.

With many of those who have been called to this high office in the second half of the century, we have walked the ways of life. To them was committed the duty of bringing into new life the fires that were slumbering on our altars. The results of their labors are matters of common knowledge to us all. We rejoice in the richness of the inheritance they transmitted to us. The labors of each inspired his successor to point to higher vantage ground and lead the way to it.

The Toastmaster has said of the living that "We are seven." May I say of them that we wrought with the same tools that were transmitted to us by our ancestors, and delivered them to our successors untarnished? May not the hope be expressed

for ourselves while living that when the history of another century shall be written it will be found that they were transmitted by us bright with the lustre of faithful service and untarnished with the rust of dishonor?

THE TOASTMASTER:

Companions: — Allow me to call your attention to the eighth regular toast — Freemasonry and the Church; the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Our Grand Chaplain, the Rev. R. Perry Bush, will respond to this toast, and I invite your strict attention to what he may have to say to you.

RESPONSE BY REV. R. PERRY BUSH.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Toastmaster, and Companions: — It is certainly an honor to me to stand within the body of the Grand Chapter on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration, and to speak for the Church and Masonry; yet you would not, at this hour, expect me to say but a word.

There is a Church that, through all the centuries, has stood as the opponent of progress, has clogged the wheels of the car of advance, has hindered every inventor, has shut every window that would let in the light. There is a Christianity, there is a presentation of it, which is weak and effeminate, and merely sentimental. I speak not for that Christianity. I speak for the Christianity that is strong, that is manly, that asks something of you as business men, that asks something of you as you go forth to life, bearing your consciences with you. I speak for that Christianity which asks you, in all your works and ways, to be upright and to be noble. Such is the Christianity that I try to represent as a Christian minister. Such is the Christianity that I believe is practical, and that is honest and true, and that may have its appeal to every man, whatever his station.

I rejoice beyond measure in the expression of him who made us that first speech of the day, who found the strenuous life in the Man of Galilee, who found in him the type of character that we envy, that we love, that found a man! For, let me tell you, men and brethren, it required force, it required something

more than what is womanish, to face the sneers and the taunts of the men of Judea, and to go in humble self-sacrifice to the Cross of Calvary. He whom I follow was no weakling; He was no monk; He found not His place in the cave, hidden from the walks of man. He mingled with his fellows. He was not averse to increasing the supply of wine at the Feast of Galilee; yet I believe that He would have men use all the joys and all the pleasures of life as men, and use them as those who are masters of themselves and of their passions.

Such is the Christianity for which I plead, embodying the principles of honesty and fair dealing between man and man. The Christianity for which I plead is that of the strong, noble endeavor to exemplify in daily life the virtues that glorify the noblest whose names are engraven in golden letters on the scroll of fame. Mine is the Christianity of men — manly men — men of business, men of affairs, men who move the world — the men who, in all their relations, remember their brethren as themselves, and from whose hearts, pulsating in answer to the experiences of those who are round about them, go the help and all that they can give of cheer along the pathway that is rugged and hard.

Mine is the Christianity that, in this age, finds its way to the dwelling of those who are unfortunate and in the midst of trouble. Mine is the Christianity that ever and always seeks not for fame and station so much as that it may be a helper in all good works and ways; and if you ask me what is the relation of Masonry to the Church I represent, I tell you it is the chiefest of the allies that the world has produced. I tell you that it is second only to the Church — first of all other institutions in the ideal that it has held before mankind, as that towards which it shall direct its efforts — first in its broad and sweeping charity that comprehends all the world — first in its impulse to all that is high and pure. And I stand this day rejoicing that I am numbered in the Fraternity — rejoicing in the glad prosperity that has rested upon the Massachusetts Chapter through its one hundred years; and I pray God that ever and always, from out His highest gifts, may descend His richest blessing, to make us firm and united, to make us upright and noble, to make us manly in our thoughts and manly

in our actions, and to cement us in the ties of that common brotherhood that shall finally reach its hands around the world and join in a clasp that shall be a strength and an inspiration.

God give his blessing upon our Most Excellent Grand High Priest; God give his blessing upon every officer in our ranks; God give his blessing upon the Fraternity throughout our Commonwealth, throughout the nation, throughout the world; and may the ages to come find Masonry still moving forward to take yet a higher place among those agencies that contribute to the foundation of the Kingdom of God, and to the upbuilding of the temple of character after the pattern divine.

The Companions then joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

From the many letters received from Companions distinguished alike at home and abroad we select a few, not without regret, however, that want of space prevents us from reproducing still more, equally as felicitous. A Past General Grand High Priest writes:

WASHINGTON, October 5, 1899.

WARREN B. ELLIS, ESQ.,

Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

Most Excellent Companion: — Your kind invitation to be present at the celebration of the "One Hundredth Anniversary" of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts on the 24 inst., was duly received, and an answer delayed in the hope that it might be possible for me to accept the same. Finding, however, that it will not be possible for me to avail myself of the privilege of being present and entering into the pleasures and enjoyments that I know from past experience will abound, I am compelled, regretfully, to decline the same.

With my best wishes for the success of your anniversary and a prosperous future, I am

Truly yours,

NOBLE D. LARNER,

Past General Grand High Priest.

And another sends the following:

BUFFALO, October 14, 1899.

Dear Sir and Esteemed Companion: — I have deferred my answer to your kind invitation to attend the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, at which its first centennial is to be celebrated, because of my very earnest desire to be present on that most interesting occasion. My health during the last few months has been such as to preclude me from travel.

Still I entertained the hope that my malady (a difficulty of respiration) might relax its hold and permit me to be present with you. But, as the day set apart for the Convocation draws nigh, I find that my wishes have been overruled and that I am to be denied the pleasure of meeting my Companions of Massachusetts, in Grand Chapter assembled. Among them are many whose names have long been written in the list of my most valued friends and whom it would delight me once more to meet around the Altar.

Under the circumstances, I can only send my heartiest thanks for your invitation and my sincerest wishes that the occasion may prove to be of unalloyed happiness to all who may be permitted to be present.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

DAVID F. DAY,
Past General Grand High Priest.

From the Masonic Historian of England we received this:

"DUNSCORE," TORQUAY, ENGLAND, October 5, 1899.

My dear Grand Secretary: — I am very pleased to have the invite to attend the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts, but am very sorry to have to decline, it not being in my power to attend.

Kindly present my best wishes to the Grand High Priest, and the Grand Chapter generally, congratulating them on the auspicious occasion, and assuring them of my interest in all that concerns the welfare of the Craft in your State.

A few of us have been investigating as to the origin and early history of Royal Arch Masonry, but it remains a fact still, that we neither know *when* nor *where* it was first arranged as a separate ceremony; but possibly in England, Ireland or Scotland, in the fourth decade of the last century. It can now be traced back to 1743–4, in print, the evidence being beyond suspicion, the oldest preserved *minutes* of a Royal Arch meeting being of 1753, but not for any body meeting in either of the three countries named, but in *Virginia,* U. S. A! The ceremony is alluded to in the Records of the "Ancients" or "Atholl Masons" so early as 1752, but as that body was not organized until 1751, it is clear that rival Grand Lodge did not originate the Degree, but must have been under so-called "modern" auspices.

Under present circumstances, I do not consider any Master Mason is complete without "exaltation," and therefore the prosperity and true progress of all Grand Royal Arch Chapters should be dear to us all.

With best wishes for the celebration, believe me

Yours fraternally,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN,
Past Grand Deputy.

While another sends:

CHICAGO, October 24, 1899.

Please present the congratulations of Grand Chapter Illinois in Fiftieth Annual Convocation with best wishes for continued harmony and prosperity.

GIL. W. BARNARD,
Grand Secretary.

And another, through her Grand High Priest, sends:

HARRISBURG, PA., October 12, 1899.

WARREN B. ELLIS, ESQ.,

Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

My Dear Sir and Most Excellent Companion: — Permit me on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania to extend to you its heartiest congratulations on this memorable and auspicious occasion, and to express the sincere hope both that the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts may have many years of prosperity, and that the Grand Chapters of the two Pioneer Masonic Jurisdictions in America, — whatever may be their individual claims to slight priority, — may long continue in their present relations of friendship and fraternal regard.

Extending to you personally my best wishes and wishing for the Companions who are privileged to be present at your Centennial Anniversary a profitable and enjoyable occasion, as I know it will be, I am,

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

M. W. JACOBS,
Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

From the Grand Chapter of Montana came the following:

HELENA, MONT., October 12, 1899.

J. GILMAN WAITE, ESQ,

Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir and Most Excellent Companion: — Many adverse circumstances conspire to prevent my going East this year and I must therefore forego the pleasure of acceptance and attendance. Our own Grand Chapter held its Tenth Annual Convocation on the 19th ult., and directly thereafter I mailed the newly elected Grand Officers your invitations. I have no idea that either of them will be able to attend, but I hope they may acknowledge your invitation.

As a native of Massachusetts I should delight to honor the memory of the Pilgrim Fathers of Royal Arch Masonry and congratulate their successors and survivors that the Ark they launched, though sometimes tossed on tempestuous seas, is still afloat, staunch and well-manned, to bear its precious freight to succeeding generations.

Accept our confident hope that the assembled Companions may have a most profitable and enjoyable meeting.

Very truly yours,

CORNELIUS HEDGES,
Grand Secretary.

From the Grand Chapter of Quebec a Past M.·. E.·. Grand Z. thus congratulates us:

QUEBEC, CAN., October 12, 1899.

Past Grand "Z." E. T. D. Chambers of the Grand Chapter of Quebec sends fraternal greeting to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts, congratulates it upon its centenary and the prominent place it occupies in the realm of the Royal Craft, wishes it all future prosperity and usefulness and a joyous and successful celebration on the 24th inst., and deeply regrets his inability to accept the courteous and much appreciated invitation to be present thereat.

THE TOASTMASTER:

I will now ask you to rise and drink one more toast — in wine or water — I do not care what. In preparing this celebration, it must have been apparent to you that some one has had much to do. They all did their part, but there was one in particular who was responsible for the successful arrangements for this celebration this evening. I ask you to rise and drink to the health, long life and prosperity of our Most Worshipful Grand High Priest, M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis.

Committees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

M.·. E.·. JOHN ALBERT BLAKE,
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E.·. COMP.·. AUGUSTUS RIDGEWAY,
COMP.·. HORATIO G. HALL,
COMP.·. JOHN T. KIMBALL.

The music in Ionic Hall was under the personal direction of
Comp.·. HOWARD M. DOW, Organist.

CHOIR.

1st Tenor.

COMP.·. T. L. CUSHMAN,
COMP.·. T. H. NORRIS.

2d Tenor.

COMP.·. GEORGE W. WANT,
COMP.·. LESTER M. BARTLETT.

1st Bass.

COMP.·. JOSEPH L. WHITE,
COMP.·. FRED. C. FAIRBANKS.

2d Bass.

COMP.·. W. E. DAVISON,
COMP.·. J. L. THOMAS.

The music during the Banquet was furnished by
CARTER'S ORCHESTRA under direction of
Comp.·. THOMAS M. CARTER.